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Edward J. Brennan

17. State any additional facts which may tend to show your fitness for the position sought:

18. Are you now employed? If so, give name and address of employer, and rate of compensation received. What is the highest compensation you have ever received in any employment, and for what period?

19. Are you in a position to accept temporary employment at anytime, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much?

20. Are you willing and prepared to accept assignment to any part of the United States where services are required? Yes

21. Attach unmounted photograph not larger than 3 by 4½ inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Brennan
(Signature of applicant.)

(Photograph)

(Return this form to The Attorney General, Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statement concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with original questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

New York N.Y.

November 7 1923, 1923

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I herewith make application for appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

1. Name in full Brennan Edward James
(Family name) (Given name) (Initial)
2. Legal residence 215 West 101st Street New York N.Y.
Room #1404 Park Row Bldg., 15 Park Row New York N.Y. (tel.)
3. Mail and telegraphic address P.O. Box 241, City Hall Sta. New York N.Y. (mail)
4. Age on last birthday 52 years Weight 175 lbs Height 5 ft. 10 in.
5. (a) Place of birth St. Louis, Mo. (b) Present citizenship New York State U.S. citizen
6. Place of birth of (a) father Ireland, (b) mother Ireland
7. Were you ever in the service of the United States? Yes
8. If so, when, and in what department of the service? Deputy U.S. Marshal Dept. Justice;
U.S. Secret Service Treas. Dept.
9. Are you married? (If married woman, state whether husband is in Federal service.) Yes
10. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described.) Yes.

11. Have you ever been a defendant in a criminal case in court? No.

Specify: _____

12. Education: (Under this head your entire educational training should be given in chronological order, with the period spent in each institution, degrees taken, etc. Knowledge of any languages other than English should be indicated first.)

Graduated Moberly Mo. High School June 1887;

1888 St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

13. Experience: (Under this head, in chronological order, state your entire business and professional experience, including names of employers and dates.) 1889 to 1891 John Dockery Real-estate Co. St. Louis, Mo; 1891 to 1892 Wabash Rr. Co. St. Louis, Mo; 1893 appointed Deputy U.S. Marshal St. Louis, Mo. Resigned 1903; 1903 Identification Bureau & Criminal Investigation Bureau Headquarters St. Louis Police Dept. until 1906, Resigned 1907. 1907 appointed operative U.S. Secret Service Treasury Dept. July 1908 transferred from U.S. Secret Service, Treas. Dept. to the Bureau of Investigation Dept. of Justice, and have been with the Bureau and Department continuously ever since.

14. Have you ever been discharged from a position? No.

15. References to persons well qualified to judge as to your fitness for the position sought:
All prior Chiefs and Directors of the Bureau of Investigation Dept. of Justice and
Director Wm. J. Burns. Colonel Arthur L. Oliver former U.S. Attorney St. Louis, Mo;
Col. Chas. A. Houts, former U.S. Attorney St. Louis, Mo; Hon. Chas. Clyne, former U.S.
Attorney Chicago, Ill. Hon. Edwin W. Sims, former U.S. Attorney Chicago, Ill.
Henry A. Wise former U.S. Attorney New York N.Y. Colonel Wm. Hayward U.S.
Attorney New York City N.Y. Colonel Henry L. Stimson, former U.S. Attorney
New York City - Special Assistant Attorney General and Secretary of War.

16. Gives names of societies or organizations with which connected:

None

Memo.

Application for Appointment to Position of Special Agent of
the Department of Justice.

New York, N.Y.
Oct 13th, 1909.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to make application for appointment to the position of Special Agent of the Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection the following information is respectfully submitted:

1. Name in full: Edward J. Brennan
2. Legal residence: _____
3. Mail and telegraphic address: _____
4. Age on last birthday: 38 yrs Weight: 170 Height: 5-10 in.
5. Place of birth: Saint Louis, Missouri
6. Were you ever in the service of the United States? Yes
Dept. of Justice, (Dep. U. S. Marshall)
7. If so, in what department of the service were you employed? Treas. Dept. (U. S. Secret Service)
8. Are you married? Yes
9. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described) Yes, no physical defects.
10. Do you use intoxicating liquors or narcotics? If so, to what extent? None
11. General educational training: (Under this head the applicant's entire educational training will be considered. Knowledge of any languages other than English should be indicated.) _____

Received public school education, graduated from High School Moberly, Mo. 1886.

12. Special educational training: (Under this head consideration will be given to the applicant's special training which in any way tends to fit him for the position sought.)

13. General experience: (Under this head consideration will be given to the applicant's experience in general business matters.)

14. Special experience in investigation work: (Under this head state nature of positions held and specific character of work done.)

Deputy U. S. Marshall E. S. of Mo. 10 years, resigned to accept appointment "Detective Bureau", St. Louis, Mo. Sept 11 "1903. Resigned to accept position in U. S. Secret Service, Treas. Dept. March 8 "1907. Transferred to the Dept of Justice as Special Agent July 2nd 1908.

Previous to appointment as Dep. U. S. Marshall worked in Real Estate office rent collector, and Wash. B. B. office at St. Louis, Mo.

As Dep. Marshall served process & made arrests of violators of Federal laws. As Detective, investigated all crimes against State Laws of Missouri. As Secret Service Operative investigated crimes committed against the Federal Laws as to counterfeiting of the U. S. money.

Previous to 1902 for about a year worked for Dept. of Justice on the "Land fraud cases" in the west.

The above covers a period of twenty years last past.

15. References to persons qualified to judge as to applicant's fitness for the position sought:

John E. Lynch, Ex U. S. Marshall, Moberly, Mo.
Mr. L. Merry, U. S. Marshall, St. Louis, Mo.
W. W. Hall, Clk. U. S. Dist Ct, " " "
Wm. Discours, Ex, Chf. Detective Bureau, " " "
Jas H. Smith, Chf, " " " "
Mr. J. Burris, P.O. Box 794, San Francisco, Cal.
J. E. McKie, Chf. U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.
Wm. Meraw, Asst, " " " "
W. Blodgett, U. S. Attorney, St. Louis, Mo.
W. J. Jones, " " " " Chicago, Ill.
Wm. L. Stinson, Spl. Asst. to Atty General, New York, N. Y.

6. State any additional facts which may tend to show your fitness for the position sought:.....

For past 16 years have had experience in
State Court in assisting in preparing cases
in Criminal Divisions.

Had experience in extradition cases.

17. What is the minimum per diem salary, in addition to actual traveling and hotel expenses, which
you would accept?.....

18. Are you in a position to accept temporary employment at any time, without previous notice, and,
if notice is required, how much?.....

19. I submit herewith a recent photograph of myself.

Respectfully,


(Signature of applicant.)

Brennan, Edward J.

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April 13, 1925.

Mr. E.J. Brennan
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Brennan:

STRICTLY PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

FILE

I am trying now to get you on the long distance relative to certain changes I am desirous of making in our field force. I have found it necessary to dismiss the Agent in Charge of the San Francisco office, together with Agent Costello of that office, and have suspended Special Agents Phinney and Rice and Miss Sturhahn, stenographer of the San Francisco office. I am now awaiting the report of Inspector Wheeler so as to determine what final action shall be taken in the cases of the last three named. The conditions at San Francisco have been very bad and I find it necessary, therefore, to put in charge of that office a strict disciplinarian and am transferring Special Agent in Charge Bohner from Boston to San Francisco as I believe that he will be able to handle the situation at San Francisco in the manner desired. Incident to the vacancy which will occur at Boston, I am desirous of transferring Special Agent Hamlin from Chicago to Boston for various reasons. I have been a little disturbed over the situation at Chicago and am, therefore, very desirous, if it is possible to do so, of having you proceed to Chicago and take charge of the Chicago office permanently. I, of course, know that this will cause you great personal inconvenience but knowing that you have so much at heart the interests of the Bureau and its efficiency, I felt that you probably would be willing to be a "good soldier" and sacrifice some of your personal wishes in the matter and take over the Chicago office. You know the situation at Chicago better than I do and with the addition of the Milwaukee and Grand Rapids territory, the Chicago district is probably the largest in the country from an investigative point of view, and added to this fact, are the peculiar local conditions that exist throughout the territory which I believe you alone would be competent to handle.

There, of course, arises at once the question as to who I would name in Charge at New York and, very frankly, I have no one in mind at the present time. What I intend doing, if you can see your way clear to help me in this matter and take over the Chicago office, is to name Agent Blackmon as Agent in Charge at New York for the time being, though to the outside it would be a permanent assignment. My reason for this would be to forestall any propaganda or activities upon the part of politicians to try to select someone to take charge of the New York office. I would place Inspector Blackmon at New York, therefore, and then during the interim try to find some man who could take over the New York office and operate it, as I know Inspector Blackmon will not leave Buffalo because of certain real estate holdings which he has in that city. I feel that I could personally handle the political situation in southern New York better than I could handle the

political situation in Chicago.

I will, of course, want to make this change just as soon as possible as Mr. Bommer is leaving Boston on Thursday and will report for conference at Washington on Friday, and I would like to be able to have Agent Hamlin proceed to Boston immediately and then have you proceed to Chicago as soon as possible. I do not want to have any lapses in the matter for, as you know, certain political elements would make a drive for one of the places that they might feel would amount to a vacancy in effecting these transfers. I hope, therefore, that you will be able to see your way clear to aid me in this matter and would appreciate your advising me as soon as possible whether you will be able to take the Chicago assignment as I so much desire.

With expression of my best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.

JEH:LME

April 22, 1925.

Mr. E.J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

I have just been advised by telephone that through some manner a newspaper in Boston has carried a short statement to the effect that Mr. Hamlin, the Agent in Charge of our Chicago office, has been transferred to Boston. I, of course, am at a complete loss to understand how such information got out and I am writing to our Acting Agent in Charge at Boston to make immediate inquiry into the matter.

I am desirous of ascertaining the identity of the person who has given out this information since I had not as yet communicated with Mr. Hamlin as I was waiting to hear from you.

However, since there apparently has been some publicity, even though of a minor character, given to the matter in Boston, I am very anxious to make the change we discussed and make formal announcement of it, provided, of course, it is possible for you to take the assignment at Chicago. I do not want to hasten your decision in this matter but if you can let me know just as soon as possible as to the arrangements you have been able to make in line with our conference at Washington, I will greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Brennan, ⁰
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

I received your letter of the 24th instant relative to your efforts to be released from your lease on your apartment in order to take the assignment at Chicago which we discussed.

I, of course, am very sorry indeed that arrangements could not be made so that you could take this transfer. I note, however, that it may be possible on October 1st to carry out the plan we discussed, so for the time being we will just consider the matter closed. I am detailing Special Agent Darling to Boston as the Agent in Charge of that district. Agent Darling, as you know, has been in charge of our work in Alaska. If conditions are the same in September as they are now, I will then take the matter up with you at that time so as to be able to carry out the proposed transfer I wanted to make now. In the meantime you will, of course, treat the matter as strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8100
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

April 24, 1925.

Personal and Confidential

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

67-515-21

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Personal and Confidential letter of April 22, 1925, which was received here yesterday morning concerning the matter we discussed in Washington as to my possible assignment to Chicago.

I am certainly surprised to hear of any publicity given this matter at Boston. I really do not know a thing about it and have no idea as to how and where it originated. For your information the Attorney General's statement was published in most of the New York papers and, as I understand considerably discussed particularly amongst the federal employees, etc. I received several telephone calls purporting to be from representatives of the local press here asking in a general way what if any information I could give them on the subject, to which I replied that I did not know a thing about it other than what I saw in the papers.

Immediately upon my return to New York after our conference, and after some difficulty in meeting the proper representatives of the real estate firm, I endeavored every way possible to explain to them the situation and even went so far as to tell them that I was transferred to Chicago. After some hesitancy on their part which took up several days they finally advised me on the telephone late Wednesday evening that while they sympathized with me and appreciated my position, that in all justice to everyone concerned, their client the owner and others, the very best that they could do under the circumstances (and would not do this in any other case) was to discontinue my lease September 30, 1925.

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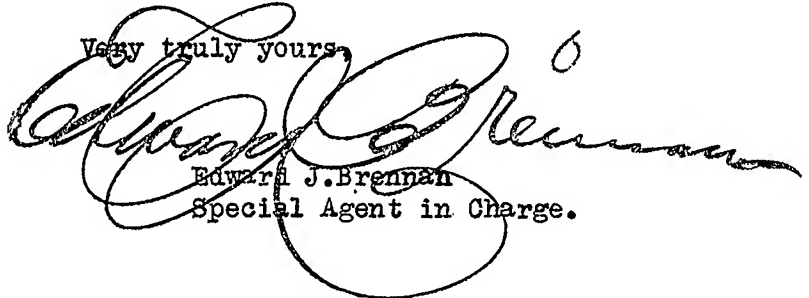
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The apartment house that I am living in as a general rule does not make leases for less than three years; they sometimes have a proviso that if it is necessary to discontinue the lease the third year, by proper notice and paying for redecorations which cost about \$300. they would release the lessee from the obligation of the third year. You can readily see that they have really granted me extreme concessions.

As I have stated to you I have always considered myself a soldier in this service, standing ready to go any place that I am ordered to go, which my record will show that I have done in the past and have made in each and every instance personal sacrifices. While, even under the circumstances I am ready this time to go if you desire and wish it, I must say that I would be really making a supreme sacrifice this time financially, personally and otherwise by going to Chicago or any other place. I had anticipated seeing you here in New York tomorrow Saturday when I had hoped to have the opportunity to further discuss this matter in detail with you.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Brennan'. The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

JEH:LMM

September 26, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 70, Wall Street Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, I have directed Special Agent Darling to remain in Chicago as long as you desire his assistance. As I have written you, I am designating Agent Darling as the Agent in Charge at New York for the time being and as soon as he can be relieved of his duties at Chicago he is under instructions to proceed to New York by way of Washington.

I, of course, have no objection whatsoever to your saying good-bye to the attaches of the New York office at the next regular Tuesday morning meeting. As I have stated in another communication, I have issued formal orders directing your transfer to Chicago and Agent Darling's transfer to New York so that it will be perfectly proper for you to advise the personnel of the New York office of your departure.

Very truly yours,

Director.

67-515-26

TELEPHONE ROOM 1111
POST OFFICE BOX 70
WALL STREET STATION

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation.
2nd FLOOR
U. S. SUB TREASURY BUILDING
WALL AND NASSAU STREETS
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Sept. 21, 1925.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am making arrangements to leave here next Tuesday at 2:10 p.m. Sept. 29th Pennsylvania Rr. for Chicago, where I will be due at 5 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 30th.

I will call at the Chicago office on the morning of Thursday Oct. 1st and, in accordance with your instructions, take charge of the Chicago district.

I would like very much to have at least a days conference with Special Agent Darling whether it be here or at Chicago. I would, under the circumstances prefer it at the latter place.

In accordance with your instructions I have kept this whole matter strictly ~~confidential~~. I presume that you might make official announcement of my transfer to Chicago by next Monday, in the event of which I feel that I could say goodbye to the attaches of this office at the next regular Tuesday morning meeting, the day of my departure for Chicago. However, if there is any reason that you do not want me to do this here, I would thank you to please advise me and I assure you that your wishes in the matter will be carried out strictly to the letter as far as I am concerned.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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JEB:DD*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 28 1925 P.M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Div, One FILE

JEH:LMM

September 19, 1925

Mr. R. A. Darling,
P.O.Box 455
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Darling:

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

I have just returned from New York and am writing to advise you that Mr. Brennan will report to Chicago to take over the duties of Agent in Charge on October 1st. He will leave New York on September 29th, arriving in Chicago on the 30th, but will not report for official duty until the first of October. I, of course, do not want any mention made of this information. Unfortunately, numerous rumors have been in circulation to the effect that a change is going to be made, but I have not issued any official statement upon the matter and will not do so until Mr. Brennan actually arrives in Chicago. I will want you to remain at Chicago until Mr. Brennan's arrival. I desire that as soon as it is possible for you to leave Chicago after Mr. Brennan's arrival, you proceed immediately to Washington for conference with me.

Upon Mr. Brennan's arrival at Chicago I would like to have you go over in detail the operations of the Chicago office, with particular reference to the assignment of cases. In talking with Mr. Brennan in New York a few days ago, I told him that I did not want any Agent in the Chicago office to act as Assistant Agent in Charge and assign cases while he, Mr. Brennan, was on duty. Mr. Brennan seemed to doubt whether the Agent in Charge would have the time to assign cases in view of the size of the office and the work attached to the same. I told him that apparently the Agent in Charge would have time to make such assignments because you were doing it and that I wanted the Agent in Charge to be in active touch with the office. I like the changes very much at Chicago which you have effected and I want the present arrangements to be continued under Mr. Brennan, so I would appreciate your explaining to him in detail the various matters in order that he may be able to carry them on the same way that you have started them.

As I have already stated, you are to treat this matter ~~confidentially~~ and give no indication of having any knowledge of the forthcoming change.

Very truly yours,

Director

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August 28, 1925

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. E.J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 70, Wall Street Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

~~STRICTLY PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

I have just returned to the city from an inspection of a number of the western offices and had a very interesting, though somewhat arduous trip. I had been hoping that I would be able to get to New York so as to see you personally but as I am going away now for a week of rest at the seashore, I will not be able to get to New York until after Labor Day.

You will recall that some months ago I talked with you about making a change with regard to the Agent in Charge at the Chicago office and at that time while you, of course, were perfectly willing to accede to my request and to proceed to Chicago to take over that office, yet I postponed the matter because of the lease which you had on hand. You said at the time that you had a lease for three years and the first year would expire on October 1st and that the landlord would agree to relieve you of the three year lease at the expiration of the first year, provided, of course, you gave him the usual thirty-day notice.

I am, therefore, writing at this time to remind you of the situation and to state that I am very desirous of having you proceed to Chicago and take over that office on the first of October. I, of course, know that this will mean a sacrifice and considerable inconvenience upon your part but I feel that the change is desirable. Mr. Darling has been acting as Agent in Charge at Chicago more or less on a temporary arrangement as I had expected to have you take over that office when I transferred Mr. Hamlin to Boston. I am confident that this will prove to the best interests of the service and I, of course, know that this is the nearest thing to your heart as well as to mind.

With expression of my best regards and hoping to see you within the course of the next few weeks, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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September 10, 1925.

Mr. E.J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 70, Wall Street Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Upon my return to the city I received your letter of the 2nd instant and am hopeful of being able to be in New York at an early date. I thought that I might be able to get to New York this week but find that there are so many matters that require my attention at Washington that I must clear away before I can get out of town, even for a day or two. I do expect to be in your city some day next week.

I, of course, know of the sacrifice which you are making in taking over the office at Chicago and it is needless to say that I will do everything I possibly can to ease that burden.

With expression of my best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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New York City
Sept. 2, 1925.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to inform you that on last Saturday, August 29th, having just returned to the city after a short leave, I was advised of the receipt of your letter of August 28th which I arranged to have delivered to me during the day, concerning my transfer to take charge of the Chicago office on October 1st.

I immediately on last Monday got in touch with the agents of my apartment and after much difficulty succeeded in having them accept a month's notice and my check for the full amount of rent for the month of September with the understanding that I will have to vacate the apartment between the 15th and 20th so they can make necessary repairs and be able to rent it to a new tenant the first of October.

I am very anxious to see you at the earliest and most convenient time to you. I desire very much indeed to have a heart to heart talk with you concerning official matters, administrative matters and really more particularly personal matters. I trust that we will be able to see each other, as you say, shortly after your return on Labor Day.

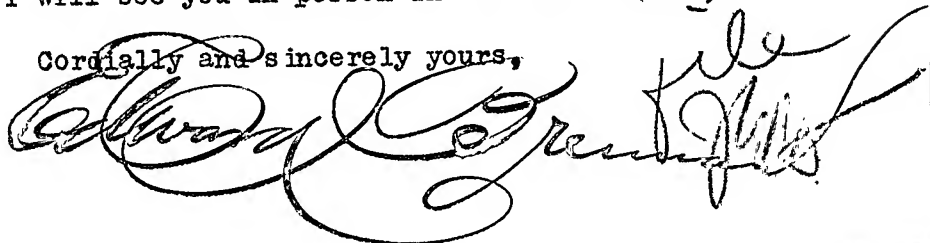
I am not going to burden you at this time as to the extreme sacrifice and inconvenience this transfer is to me, especially financially. The records will show that it will be the third time that I have moved my family and furniture to Chicago and from this past experience I know in advance what I am up against. Really, this is one of the important things that is worrying me.

However, I have every reason to believe that you fully appreciate my position and will grant every reasonable thing to alleviate my financial embarrassment.

I hope that you have fully recovered by this time from your recent illness and will return very shortly to your desk at Washington with your usual good health.

Anticipating that I will see you in person in the near future, I am, as ever,

Cordially and sincerely yours,



EJB:DP

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Oct. 11, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The aid and comfort extended to the family of Edward J. Brennan through your personal representative, Mr. Bernard C. Brown, will long be remembered by us.

The respect expressed by yourself and the Special Agents of the "FBI" was a mutual feeling of our father's and continues to be ours.

Sincerely,
 /s/ John E. Brennan
 James A. Brennan

(1130 Madison St.
 Evanston, Illinois)

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Oct 11, 19

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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The respect expressed by
yourself and the Special Agents
of the "F B I" was a mutual
feeling of our father's and
continues to be ours.

Sincerely,

John E. Brennan
James A. Brennan

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June 25, 1924.

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67-515

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your personal and confidential communication of the 19th instant, with which you transmitted a letter requesting an increase in your compensation.

I am very glad indeed to have this communication for in going over the reclassification of the field offices which I expect to take up at an early date it will be very helpful in reaching a conclusion upon the grade that should be accorded the New York office.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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MAILED

JUN 3

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Acting
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

If entirely consistent, and it will in no way in the least inconvenience you, I would be obliged and thank you very much indeed if you would recommend an increase in my compensation as Special Agent in Charge of the New York District of this Bureau.

For your information beg to state that prior to the war involving our country, two of my predecessors received a compensation of \$12.00 per day and in addition to this, so I understand, \$4.00 a day allowance in lieu of subsistence, making a total of \$16.00 per day. The present compensation is \$13.69 per day.

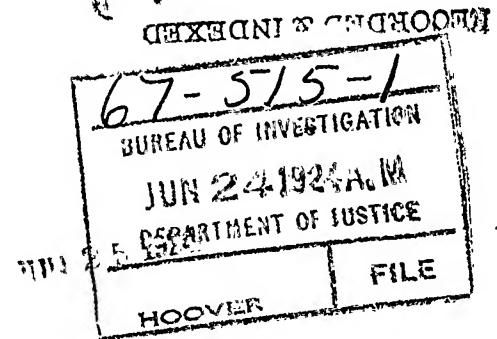
With the exception of the actual duration of the war in which our government was involved, the average number of agents in this office were about twenty five to thirty five; ever since I have been here, August 26 1921, we have never had less than forty five to sixty five agents.

There has been a steady increase in the volume of our investigational work in this office during the past two years.

This office never was organized better before, and it is my opinion it would be extremely difficult to improve on the organization.

We can read, write, translate and converse in almost any civilized language; most of our agents are specialized and are considered as experts in their particular lines of work.

In addition to the current work and the tremendous responsibility involved upon the Special Agent in Charge of the New York District, there has been added during my incumbency in this office here under your direction, a training school for newly appointed agents in this Bureau. This takes up every available minute of my time in the office



and almost all of my time outside of the office.

It is needless for me to attempt to recite herein the wonderful success and the extraordinarily good results obtained in imparting the rules and regulations and rudiments of the work to newly appointed agents before actually entering them upon their duties in the field. This, I am quite sure is very well known throughout the Department and the Bureau.

I did not want to bother you with my troubles or annoy you in the least about my personal or financial status, but I counted up the other day and find that in round numbers it has cost me about \$3000.00 for having been transferred from one office to another during my career in this Bureau.

Since I have been in New York this last time, since August 26 1921 (having been in charge here before in 1909, 1910 and 1911) I can honestly and conscientiously state that I have expended \$2200.00 over and above my compensation received for that period and I have never taken a days vacation since I have been here nor made any investments so that the funds expended have been entirely for living expenses.

One of the chief reasons that I have never taken this matter up with you was that I thought it would have been settled before this that the several investigative branches of the several departments would be coordinated or consolidated and it was really for this reason that I have not given a thought to my salary knowing and feeling satisfied and confident that as long as you were Director of this Bureau I would be justly considered, in other words I would be taken care of.

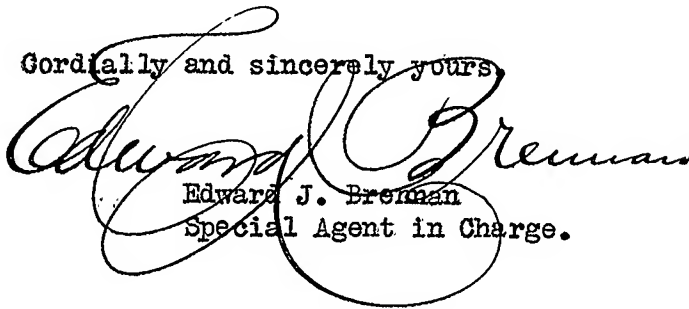
All that I desire and expect is to live as I have been used to and in order to do this I will have to have an increase in my salary, or else live in "Hoboken" or some other "back yard" of New York to live within my present means.

This request for an increase in compensation is made, not because of the fact that I have been in the service for a great many years, or because of my wide experience and knowledge of this work, or because of the increased and high cost of living, and not because I am taking advantage of my warm personal friendship for you and the administration to ask for it at this time, but solely because of the fact that the duties of the Special Agent in Charge of this District have grown and developed into twice their former size; the responsibility is twice as great; the

number of men handled are three times the number formerly detailed here; the volume of work has been trebled; and the training school instituted here is a tremendous addition and a job in itself, and I think that I have it organized wonderfully and handled efficiently. I am really under the impression that the Department and you, as Director, are much pleased with the general efficiency of this whole office.

I desire to impress you and have you thoroughly understand that I do not want you to embarrass yourself in any way, shape or manner, in recommending my request or endeavoring to cause my compensation to be increased, as you have already done many things for me that I will not forget and will always appreciate.

Cordially and sincerely yours

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Edward J. Brennan'. The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

May 31, 1924.

JEH/IMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

RECORDED

Dear Mr. Brennan:

PERSONAL.

I received your note relative to the resignations of Agents Houlisberg, Sinks and Fannon.

The request for resignation of Agent Lande was not sent up to you for the reason that he was on a special assignment in West Virginia. The letter, however, requesting his resignation was sent up to you on May 26th.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

MAILED

MAY 31 1924

J.E.H.

Received three requests for
Resignations, Honingsberg, Suits
and Fannon.

Fannon in Pillsbury?
How about Lande?

N.Y.

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May 23, 1924.

JEH/LMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

RECORDED

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 20th instant, with which you transmitted the report upon the personnel of your office.

I would like to receive from you individual statements concerning the clerical assistants in your office, together with a report upon the employees of Mr. Bowen's office. What I want to have is a statement in the personnel file of every employee of the Bureau as to their efficiency, general qualifications and ability. I intend at regular intervals to call for the same so that I may have uniform reports upon such matters. I want to commend you most highly for the manner in which you compiled this data as it is excellently presented.

I fully appreciate the peculiar situation that the New York office is in. It is unlike any other office of the service in view of the population of the city and the class of work it is called upon to perform.

In going over the personnel records I note that those who do not seem to measure up to the standard have already been recommended by me for release and that letters have gone forward to you with the exception of Special Agent Wilkie Burke. I note that the report upon him is somewhat unfavorable. His case is to be handled as that of any other Agent. I do not intend to let any influence affect a decision regarding him. He must do exactly the same work that other Agents are called upon to do and if he doesn't like it and doesn't respond enthusiastically to the same, then he must get out of the service. I wish that you would make this very clear to Agent Burke and if you have any further difficulty with him in any way, I would appreciate your advising me of the same so that I can request his resignation.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 20 1924.

RE: PERSONNEL NEW YORK OFFICE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Acting Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Bureau letter of May 15, 1924, initialed JEH:IMR marked Personal and Confidential requesting me to forward at once a full and detailed statement upon the quality of work performed by each employe of this office together with information concerning his attitude towards his work and degree of efficiency attained, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith in duplicate a report of the personnel of all the Special Agents and Special Employes attached to or having their headquarters at New York City.

I also am transmitting you herewith data on each agent on a separate sheet, in order that you may incorporate and file in the personnel of the individual agent or special employe at the Bureau office in Washington.

I take it from your letter that you desire this information only on special agents and special employes - all our stenographers and clerks here are very efficient.

In passing I might say that I am inclined to believe that it is extremely difficult for any one to express his judgment and make himself clear in writing as to an "all around" and highly efficient agent in the New York office.

New York is the greatest and largest metropolitan city in the world; its six million population is made up of a great number of Russians, Italians, Germans, Irish, Bohemians and others. There are about one million Italians in New York City, or more than the largest populated city in Italy; there are over one million Russians and Jews, 500,000 Germans and about as many Irish.

On account of the great variety of work and foreign population it makes it necessary in a great many cases for an agent to be a

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linguist. You can readily see that it is almost impossible for any person to become a first class "all around" special agent in the New York office of this Bureau. They are specialists or experts here in this office in their particular lines.

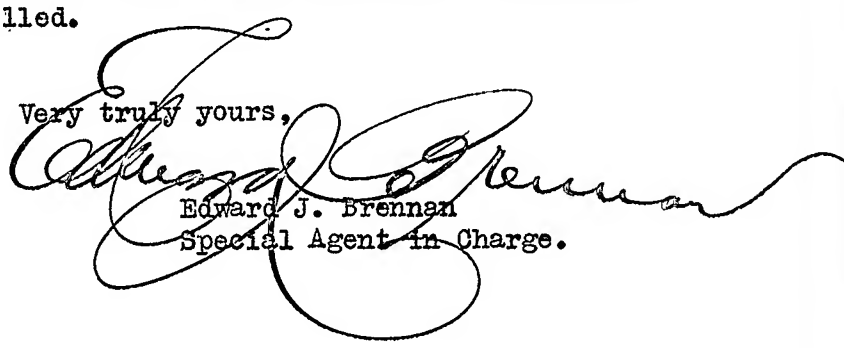
Five or six American agents, say in St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and other cities could become proficient and be rated as "all around" agents but, in my opinion, it just cannot be done in New York City.

I do not want to have it inferred that an agent classified in Class C is far inferior to one classified in Class A, as, on certain lines of work some of the agents in Class C, are much of an asset to the office on some particular work which A could not do and visa versa; these are grouped this way in an endeavor to draw some line of demarkation and separate them according to the class of their work and as to their general efficiency.

I assure you that these three groups make up in my opinion the very best organization in any office of this Bureau and will go further and state that this organization, in my judgment never has been excelled at any time in the history of this Bureau.

While I hope that it will become more efficient I seriously doubt that it can be excelled.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

A Glass

B Glass

C Glass

VERY EFFICIENT

1. O'Donnell, Francis X.
2. Scully, Charles J.
3. Navarro, Ralph
4. Maher, Richard J. *
5. Eilperin, Louis
6. Brann, John A.
7. Starr, George J.
8. Updegrove, John C.

EFFICIENT

9. Barbera, Joseph A.
10. Fogarty, John J.
11. Dwyer, Daniel F.
12. Leslie, Harry C.*
13. Lamb, Peter W.*
14. Smith, Thomas A.
15. Kelleher, Daniel J.*
16. Haas, John L.
17. Davis, Mortimer J.*
18. Werner, Charles A.

GOOD

1. Jentzer, Harry J.*
2. Tucker, Joseph G.
3. Brown, William
4. Quigley, Felix *
5. Golding, Richard*
6. Allegra, Gaspare J.*
7. Kissel, John R.
8. Fay, Francis
9. Seipel, Rudolph B.
10. Dillon, James W.
11. Dunn, William E.*
12. Goldman, Herman*
13. McNulty, William J.*
14. Weitsman, Albert L.*
15. Traub, Morris D.
16. Moore, Charles J.
17. Curtin, John*

UNDER COVER EMPLOYE

1. Spl. Emp.

FAIR

1. Covello, Peter J.
2. Kilmartin, Frank.
3. Valjavec, Victor
4. Valkenburgh, Robt.M.
5. Topoleski, Anthony
6. Amos, James E.
7. Palmera, Ralph
8. Dotzert, Henry
9. Burke, Wilkie
10. Fannon, William F.*

REQUESTED TO RESIGN

1. Sinks, Clinton P.
2. Lande, Louis *
3. Honigsberg, Jacob

NEW AGENTS

1. Fitzpatrick, James
2. Tait, Richard

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RECAPITULATION

A - Very Efficient agents 8; plus Efficient 10; equal	18
B - Good agents,.....	17
C - Fair.....	10

Three requested to resign.....	3
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Newly appted.agt.who has been through school.....	1 (Fitzpatrick)
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Newly appted.agt.attending school.....	1 (Tait)
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Under cover employe.....	1 (<input type="text"/>)
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TOTAL,	51
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* Sixteen agents (16) who are absent and have been absent from New York City for the past several weeks in other Districts on official duty.

Agent Kelleher "loaned" to Custom Service.

JBO:FWH

May 23, 1924

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant,
asking for a sample of blank application forms for
accountants, it is with much pleasure that I enclose
herewith the forms requested.

Appreciating the interest shown by you.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

Encl.

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POST OFFICE BOX 241
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

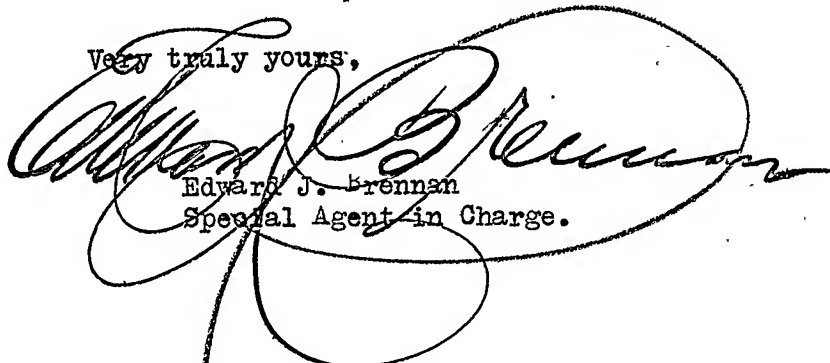
May 19 1924.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Acting Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

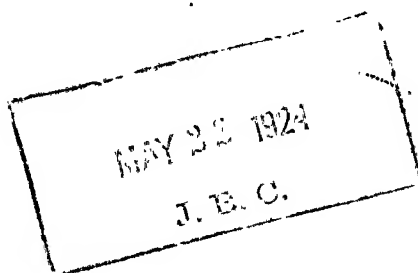
I have in mind at least a couple of accountants who, I am at present under the impression, would make good accountants, particularly commercial accounts in that division of the Bureau, and I would thank you if you will please forward me two or three application blanks to be made out and filed at the Bureau by applicants for accountant's positions.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD



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May 6, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BURNS.

The attached communication addressed to you from Mr. Brennan relating to his investigation of the Detroit office. I note it has been read by you but there is no indication as to the action you desire to have taken upon the number of recommendations contained in the letter relative to the personnel of that office.

What are your wishes in this matter?

Respectfully.

Report of May 1st, 1924
filed Agt Necker with
cross references in files of -
Agt. Katz; Agt. Wilson, Agt C.
A. Jenkins;

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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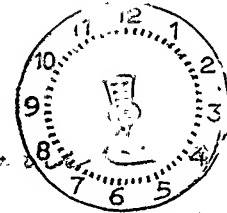
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Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith histories of
the following newly appointed agents who have
completed the course of instructions here and
are ready for assignment:

1. Herbert Spencer Herbine
2. Charles Wesley Wickline



MAR 18 1924

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dec. 19 1923.

Mr. J.E.Hoover,
Acting Director
Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice,
Washington D.C.

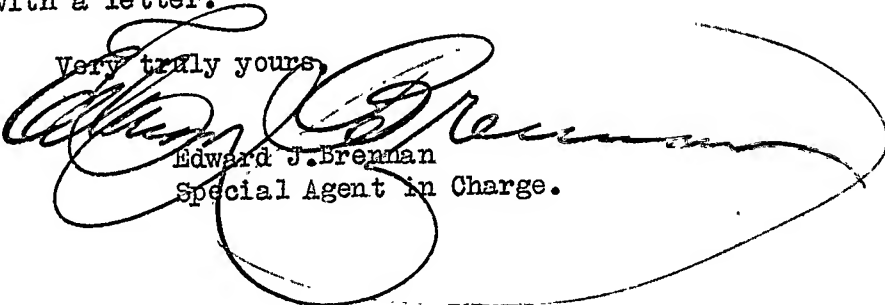
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are histories of the following
named agents:

1. Edgar W. Stephens
2. Harry C. Leslie
3. John Naughton
4. Frederic Geilinger

The history of Agent Chas.H.Richardson is send
under separate cover with a letter.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 12, 1924

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N. Y.

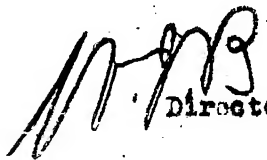
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a very complimentary letter from A. J. Brewster, Commanding Officer of Corps Area 9, Army Base, Boston, which pertains to the excellent work performed by Special Agents E. M. Lamb and G. J. Allegra of your office.

He makes special mention of the loyal cooperation rendered the military authorities which resulted in obtaining the desired results.

Letters of commendation of this character should be brought to the attention of the agents who justly earned the merits. I wish you would convey this word to Agents Lamb and Allegra.

Very truly yours,


Director.

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December 21, 1923.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letters of the Attorney General, advising of the increase in compensation of Special Agents John E. Brennan, Dwyer and Navarro to \$10 per diem, effective upon their arrival in Honolulu.

Assistant Attorney General Holland felt that these should not be made effective as of departure from San Francisco for various reasons. Therefore, immediately upon their arrival in Honolulu if they will notify the Bureau the date of their arrival, and I assume they will, their compensation will change as of that date. They will be allowed the usual \$4 subsistence, for which proper vouchers must be submitted.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 18 1923

Mr. J.E.Hoover,
Acting Director
Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are histories of the following named agents:

1. Mrs. J.B.Duckstein
2. John E. Redmond
3. Thomas P. Geraghty

*} filed in their respective
personnel folders 11.*

The remaining five histories of the agents who have
been attending the school of training here will be sent
to you tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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3 Redmond

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JEH/LMR

December 14, 1923.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 11th instant, relative to the stenographic force in your office, and note that the party whom you had in mind gave indication of not desiring to accept the position offered.

As soon as you locate a person who is qualified and competent, you should advise me of the same and send her application, and I will be very glad to endeavor to obtain approval of the appointment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Dec. 11 1923

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: STENOGRAPHER N.Y. YORK OFFICE

Adverting to my letter of December 6 1923, enclosing and referring to application filed by Miss Ann Brady who we employed as stenographer in this office and who was to enter upon her duties on last Monday, December 10th 1923, desire to inform you that this young lady phoned in on last Monday stating that her mother was sick and it would be a week or ten days or probably longer before she would be able to accept the position. From her conversation I would infer that she did not care to take the position being employed at present in a bank at Ossining with a little less money but not having to commute to the city and pay for her lunch etc. I am very much under the impression that she decided to hold her present position and not accept this so I told her we could not wait that long for her.

We are running behind here in our stenographic work and I am making arrangements to employ a stenographer and put her to work at the earliest possible moment. I have some four or five under consideration who I am having investigated.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

*original file
Ann Brady*

December 12, 1923.

JEM/LMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan.

P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of the 22nd ultimo, recommending increases in compensation of a number of the Agents of your office, I have to advise you that owing to the fact that the Bureau is incurring a deficiency in its operations, it will be impossible to grant any increases at the present time. Every effort is being made to bring the operations of the Bureau within the appropriation allowed by Congress and I can assure you that as soon as there are any funds available, the cases which you have called to my attention will be given preferred consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. E. B.
Director.

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From

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLLAND

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Memorandum

Attorney General.....

Solicitor General.....

Ass't to Att'y General.....

Gen'l Lovett.....

Gen'l Willebrandt.....

Gen'l Riter.....

Gen'l Crim.....

Gen'l Ottinger.....

Mr. Martin.....

Mr. Strong.....

Mr. Burns.....

Mr. Harris.....

Mr. Stewart.....

Mr. Sornborger.....

Mr. Robb.....

Mr. Votaw.....

Miss Tucker.....

Don't see
how this is
possible now,
account of
lack of forests

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WM. J. BURNS
DIRECTOR



JEH/LMR

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

December 3, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOLLAND.

I am attaching hereto fifteen recommendations for increases in salary of employees of the New York office. Mr. Burns, before he left the city, directed that I prepare these recommendations and forward them to you. I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a letter from Mr. Brennan relative to this matter. Mr. Brennan in a number of instances has recommended increases higher than those contained in the attached recommendations to you. The Bureau, however, has limited recommendations for increases of \$1 a day as a basis, ignoring the bonus.

For your information I am submitting the following concerning each of the employees recommended for increases:

Agent Valjavec has been in the employ of the Bureau for six years,
eight months.

Agent Valkenburg has been in the employ of the Bureau for five
years, eight months.

Agent Starr has been in the employ of the Bureau for three years,
eleven months.

✓ Agent Scully has been in the employ of the Bureau for fourteen years,
nine months.

Agent O'Donnell has been in the employ of the Bureau for six years,
four months

Agent Dwyer has been in the employ of the Bureau for one year, nine
months.

Agent Barbera has been in the employ of the Bureau for three years,
ten months.

Agent Smith has been in the employ of the Bureau for four years, one
month.

Agent Leslie has been in the employ of the Bureau for four years,
one month.

Agent Maher has been in the employ of the Bureau for four years.

Agent Navarro has been in the employ of the Bureau for three years,
eleven months.

Agent Davis has been in the employ of the Bureau for five years,
eight months.

Agent Seipel has been in the employ of the Bureau for eleven months.

Agent Brann has been in the employ of the Bureau for five years, six
months.

Agent Updegrove has been in the employ of the Bureau for two years,
one month.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

JEH/LMR

December 3, 1923.

RECORDED

Mr. E. J. Brennan,

P.O. Box 24, City Hall Station,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 22nd ultimo, recommending certain increases in the compensation of fifteen Special Agents of the New York office.

I have to advise you that I am taking this matter up with Mr. Mollana and hope at an early date that I may be able to advise you of favorable action, at least upon a number of these names. I thoroughly concur in your statements concerning the ability and work of these Agents and well appreciate that their compensation should be increased, if possible.

Very truly yours,


Director.

MAILED

DEC 3 1923

Mr Horner

Propose increases for the
men named by Barron -
make the increase in dollars
a day more than they are
now getting

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 22 1923

RE: READJUSTMENT OF SALARIES
New York Office

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I am attaching herewith a list of 15 names of Special Agents with headquarters at New York City who from time to time have operated and are at present operating in New York and other important places on important investigations.

This list is arranged by me in the order in which I think they should be considered.

With the exceptions of Special Agents, Frank X. O'Donnell, Chas. J. Scully, George J. Starr, Victor Valjavec and Robt. Valkenburg (the latter two of whom are detailed on incoming ships) all these agents do a lot of work outside of New York City on exceptional and important investigations and extraordinary cases requiring tact, resourcefulness and executive ability.

They are agents who, on account of their executive ability can direct a squad of agents almost anywhere in almost any kind of investigation which may originate here or be referred from any source to this Bureau.

They are a type of agents who dress well, eat well, and would not stop at a third or fourth class hotel, all of which goes to add dignity, stability and respect to the Bureau they represent. There are so many reasons that can be advanced as to why agents of this character in this Bureau should be dealt with, with much consideration as to their compensations, which especially can be appreciated by you who are so familiar with the trials and tribulations of agents here and on the road having had the personal and broad experience, that I am almost at sea as to what to point out in explanation as to why agents of this character in this Bureau should be justly compensated. However,

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J. O. K.

I will mention, and I am almost certain that you will agree with me, that on account of a provision of the law or regulation making an allowance in lieu of subsistence of only \$4.00 a day while agents are away from their headquarters, that an agent who travels much or is expected and does leave his headquarters to go to other districts by reason of the fact of his executive ability being away from his home and placed to more expense, they should receive more compensation than agents who do not leave their headquarters.

In making up the order in which these names appear on this list I have had this in mind.

It is needless for me to explain to you that allowance in lieu of subsistence of \$4.00 a day for agents in travel status is wholly inadequate; I can positively say that as far as this class of agents are concerned I know that it is entirely inadequate.

Another thing that I think should be given due consideration is the City in which agents are engaged and also the districts. I know that you understand me in this respect much better than I can attempt to explain. It costs an awfully lot to live in New York.

I challenge any investigating bureau of this Government, or any in this country, or, in fact any in the world to produce a better type of men or better investigators than on the list hereto attached.

Special Agent Daniel J. Keleher at present engaged operating on a very important case at Savannah Ga. I understand has had his compensation increased from \$7.00 to \$9.00 per day while being engaged on the Savannah cases. Agent Keleher is a very good all around agent and I recommend that his salary be made permanent at \$9.00 a day.

As to Special Agents Frank X. O'Donnell, Charles J. Scully and George J. Starr, you are familiar with these agents. You know their ability and the length of service in this Bureau as well as their value to the Bureau. I consider them experts in their line.

Special Agents Victor Valjavec and Robert Valkenburg are linguists, meet the incoming ships and perform very valuable services, examining the records and manifest sheets of the ships, looking for undesirable aliens entering the country etc. They have performed their work with almost one hundred percent efficiency and deserve due consideration, and I hope that you can see your way clear to recommend to the Attorney General an increase in their compensations.

In conclusion I will say that all my expressions with regard to these agents are made solely upon their ability and efficiency and not for any personal reasons as I have none.

Trusting this will meet with your favorable consideration, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,



Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

P.S. In passing I might say that none of these agents receive any pension.
With the exception of Special Agent Updegrave none of them have any other source of income.

LIST OF AGENTS RECOMMENDED FOR INCREASES.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT COMPENSATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED COMPENSATION</u>
1. Valjaves, Victor	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day ✓
2. Valkenburg, Robt.	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day ✓
3. Updegrove John C.	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day
4. Brann, John A.	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day
5. Seipel, Rudolph B.	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day
6. Davis, Mortimer J.	About \$7.50	\$8.50 per day
7. Navarro, Ralph	\$8.00	\$9.50 per day
8. Maher, Richard J.	\$8.00	\$9.50 per day
9. Leslie, Harry	\$8.00	\$9.50 per day
10. Smith, Thomas A.	\$8.00	\$9.00 per day
11. Barbera, Joseph A.	\$8.00	\$9.00 per day
12. Dwyer, Daniel F.	\$8.00	\$9.00 per day
13. O'Donnell, Frank X.	\$9.00	\$10.00 per day ✓
14. Scully, Charles J.	\$9.00	\$10.00 per day ✓
15. Starr, George J.	\$8.00	\$ 9.00 per day ✓

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov. 7 1923.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

ATTENTION MR. J. E. HOOVER.

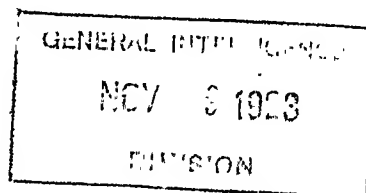
Dear Sir:

In compliance with your instructions, I am
enclosing herewith application filled out by me
for the files of the Bureau at Washington.

Very truly yours,

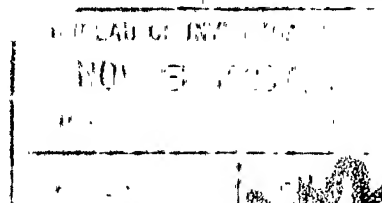
Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 19th, 1923.

RE: Personnel Classification Form
#4, SAC Letter #245.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Attention - Mr. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

File

I am enclosing herewith, Personnel Classification Forms #4, regarding Special Agents James A. Woods, William F. Fannon, Francis X. Fay, Augustus J. Canders and Daniel Rind (Translator), duly filled in, etc.

These forms were received with several others for Agents who are absent from this office, but will be here in the next few days, and the forms will be completed and returned to you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Brennan
EDWARD J. BRENNAN
Special Agent In Charge

EJB:MVN
(Encls.)

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October 31, 1923

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Agent in Charge, N.Y.C.office.

Letter from Mr. Carmi Thompson to Mr. Burns wherein he speaks in the highest terms of the treatment received and courteous care extended by the above agent in the case of Frank Billings.

Original filed Director Burns

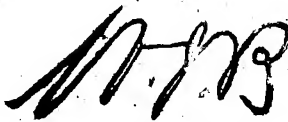
JEE/LMR

October 4, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RUSSELL.

In regard to the last paragraph in Mr. Brennan's letter, I believe that it would be desirable in the future in requesting investigations of applicants to have a copy of the application sent to the field office.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Encl.

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
Edw. J. Brennan

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 1, 1923.

Mr. W.J. Burns,
Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

In re: Joseph M. McInerney
and Lester A. Kent, Special
Agents.

Attention Mr. Hoover!

Dear Sir:

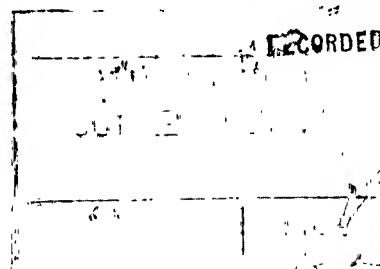
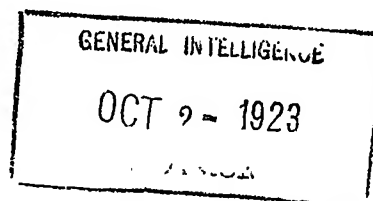
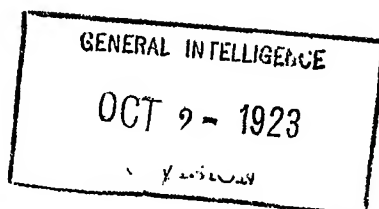
I am transmitting you herewith, histories
of Special Agents Joseph M. McInerney and Lester A.
Kent, who are leaving here for Washington tonight
and will report at the Bureau office at Washington,
tomorrow, Tuesday morning.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

WEB:AM

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New York, N.Y.

October 1, 1923

History - JOSEPH M. McINERNEY

Name: Joseph M. McInerney
Age: 27
Married or Single: Single
No. of Children:
Home address: 38 R St N.E. Washington D.C.
Telephone no. North 3456
Nearest Relative: Mrs. Rose McInerney, 38 R St. N.E. Washington, DC
Education: 8 years grammar school

General Experience

(Ord. Seaman, U.S. Navy.
(Truck driver for Eagle Transfer Co. Wash. DC
(Chauffeur for late Senator S.D. Nicholson of Colo.
" " Hon. Calvin Coolidge when Vice
Pres. of U.S.

Date of Entry on Duty as Aug. 7, 1923 (April 1923 Special employee in Dept. of Justice
Special Agent and Salary \$7.00 per day (under Hon. Rush Holland, Asst. Attorney-General.

Remarks of Special Agent in Charge
Edward J. Brennan.

Personality - fair. Seems much interested in work and anxious to learn. My opinion is that Mr. McInerney will never make more than an ordinary agent on investigations of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, and other investigations of kindred nature.

Original file - McInerney

New York, N.Y.

October 1, 1923

History
LESTER A. KENT

Name: Lester A. Kent

Age: 35 years

Married or Single: Married

No. of Children: None

Home Address: 4011 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12th Ave. N.E. Seattle, Wis.

Telephone No.

Nearest Relative: Mrs. L.A. Kent, East 611 - 10th Ave.
Spokane, Wis.

Education: 8 years grade school; 4 years Military Academy.

General Experience: First Trust & Savings Bk. Chicago, Ill.
Wm. J. Oliver, Mfg. Co. Knoxville, Tenn.
Shapker, Anderson & Co. (Bonds) Chicago, Ill.
Wood Live Stock Co., Spencer, Idaho.
U.S. Army.

Date of Entry on Duty as Special Agent, and Salary: Sept. 1st, 1923: \$7.00 per day

Remarks of Special Agent in Charge
Edward J. Brennan

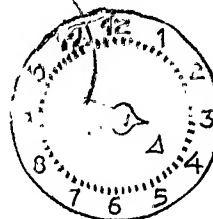
Personality - fair. Seems interested in the work, - with field experience. I have reasons to believe that this man will make a good shadower.

Assigned to Special Agent in Charge

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Sept. 24 1923

Mr. Wm. J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.



Dear Sir:

SEP 26 1923

During the time that I was in charge of the St. Louis and Chicago offices, at the end of every quarter, I wrote a letter to Washington, and read a copy of same at the last regular Tuesday morning meeting of all the agents, commenting upon the work of the agents who deserved special mention.

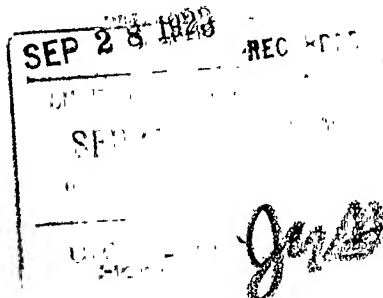
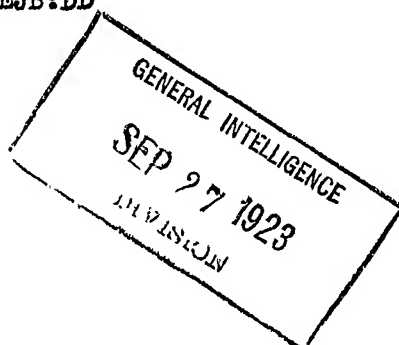
Of course when extraordinarily good or meritorious work was done by an agent, it was immediately communicated to you either by letter, telegraph or long distance telephone.

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you today a list (alphabetically arranged) containing the names of Special Agents, Stenographers and Clerks of the New York office receiving honorable mention for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1923. These employees have performed their duties in such a manner as to cause no trouble at all to their superiors and all the work done by them has been handled in an expert fashion.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD



Honorable Mention
Quarter Ending September 30, 1923.

1. Allegra, Gaspare
2. Barbers, Joseph A.
3. Davis, Mortimer J.
4. Dillon, James
5. Dwyer, Daniel F.
6. Ellperin, Louis
7. Golding, Richard
8. Haas, John
9. Hately, C. Furness
10. Kelleher, Daniel
11. Maher, Richard J.
12. Navarro, Ralph
13. O'Donnell, Frank X.
14. Quigley, Felix
15. Scully, Charles J.
16. Seipel, Rudolph
17. Smith, Thomas A.
18. Spira, Henry A.
19. Starr, George J.
20. Traub, Morris
21. Tucker, Joseph G.
22. Updegrove John C.
23. Walsh C.R.
24. Weitsman, Albert

Harry Leslie

Victor J. Valajord

Stenographers

1. Cormier, Marie
2. Donnelly, Dorothy
3. Donnelly, Virginia
4. Hayes, Alice
5. Powers Mrs.
6. Van Ness, Marion

Clerks

1. Owens, John
2. *Dolan, Betty*

OFFICE OF
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EDWARD J. BRENNAN

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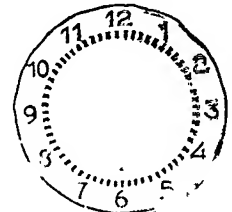
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Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

August 25th, 1923.



AUG 27

Mr. WM. J. BURNS,
Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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DIRECTOR BURNS	FILE

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telephone conversation with you today, wherein I read a telegram from Agent Baley, of Atlanta, Ga., which was long distanced to me from Mr. Hoover, reading as follows:

"Burns, Wash. D.C.
Agent ~~Arkins~~ and Cronin both neglecting
duty and neither in condition to work
yesterday and have not reported for
duty today although both know services
badly needed stop. Respectfully request
both be removed from this district
immediately

(Signed) Baley."

In compliance with your instructions to send a telegram to Special Agent in Charge Baley over your signature, I sent telegram as follows:

"BALEY
FEDERAL BLDG.
ATLANTA GEORGIA

You are instructed to suspend Special Agents Arkins and Cronin without pay immediately

BURNS - DIRECTOR."

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

EJB:MDP

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Aug. 28 1923.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, for the personnel files,
at Washington, are histories of the following named
agents:

- 7010*
1. Willis O. Bass
 2. Kent G. Chetlain
 3. James F. Reilly
 4. Francis M. Hickey
 5. Horace W. Steele

(not attached)
8-32-23

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE
AUG 29 1923
DIVISION

Mr. Bass left here some weeks for work in the
field; Mr. Chetlain, left yesterday for Chicago Ill.
where he will report to Special Agent in Charge Rooney;
and the other three agents are still in New York.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
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August 3 1923

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

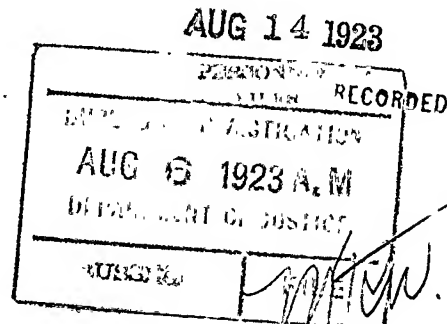
Attention J. A. Russell

In reply to your letter of August 2nd, initialed JAR:EFB requesting to be advised whether or not Special Agents J. Robert Conroy and J. F. Reilly have in their possession letters signed by the Attorney General or the Acting Attorney General notifying them of their appointments as Special Agents, I desire to state that both of these agents say that they have no letters from either the Attorney General or the Acting Attorney General advising them of their appointments.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD



AUG 15 1923

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August 2, 1923.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you please ascertain from Special Agents J. Robert Cenroy and J. F. Riley if they have in their possessions letters signed by the Attorney General or the Acting Attorney General notifying them of their appointments as Special Agents as we do not find the carbon copies of such letters in our files. This information is sought with the request that you forward same at once.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 28 1923

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

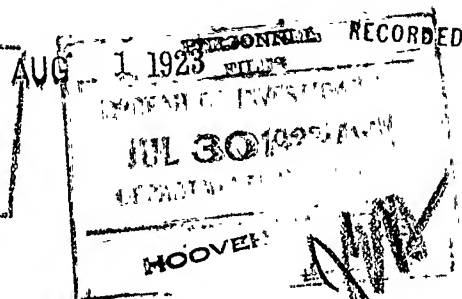
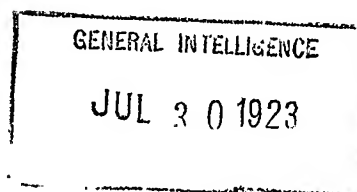
Enclosed herewith are histories of the following
named agents:

1. Wm. J. McNulty
2. Thos. B.R. Mudd
3. J. Robt. Conroy
4. Horace Gordon Maynor
5. Chas. F. Hately
6. James F. Bird
7. Augustus J. Candors
8. John C. Emery

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 26 1923

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

*Agent / Bureau
J. Edgar Hoover*

Dear Sir:

Attention J.A. Russell

I am enclosing herewith copies of Bureau letter dated April 20, 1923, Department letter June 1 1923 and Bureau letter of June 7 1923, concerning the increase in compensation for Special Agent Dennis W. Maher attached to the St. Louis office.

I know that it was your intention and that you did recommend an increase in the compensation of Agent Maher of St. Louis on April last (referring to my personal conversation had with Mr. Hoover during your absence in the west).

Special Agent D.W. Maher of St. Louis has received compensation from April 15th to July 15, 1923 as follows:

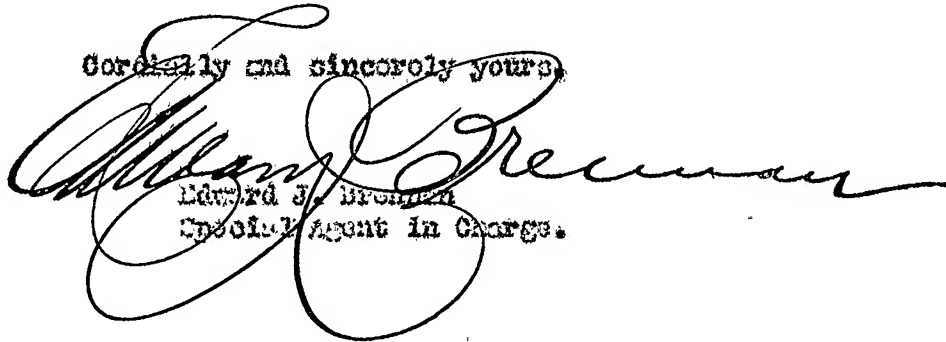
April 15th, fifteen Days at \$6.66.....	\$99.90
" 30th, fifteen Days at \$6.66.....	99.90
May 15th, fifteen Days at \$6.66.....	99.90
" 31st, sixteen Days at \$6.66.....	106.56
June 15th, fifteen Days at	99.90
30th, fifteen Days	125.40
July 15th, fifteen Days at \$7.51.....	112.70

Bureau letter of June 7 1923, copy of which is hereto attached is certainly a mistake.

Special Agent Richard J. Maher was also recommended by me to you and through your recommendation received an increase in his compensation in about April from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per day. This may have caused a little confusion on account of both having the same name, however I know that it was your intention to see that both these men, who rank among the very best agents of this Bureau, would receive an increase in their salaries last spring.

Agent Laher of St. Louis thought that I would be at the Bureau office at Washington in the very near future when I could take this matter up with you in person and could explain more fully and in detail. I do not see any immediate chance for me to visit the Bureau and this is the reason that I am writing you and forwarding you copies of this correspondence.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Brennan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Edward' being particularly prominent and overlapping the last name 'Brennan'.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

WJB:DD

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JEH/LMR



July 16, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BURNS.

The attached letter from Mr. Brennan indicates that Agents William F. Fannon and Dante DiLillo are available for transfer from the New York office. At the present time the Little Rock office is urgently in need of men and there is also a need of an additional Agent at Norfolk.

Do you desire that these Agents be transferred to these points?

Respectfully,

J. E. H.

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Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 2 1923

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you herewith histories of the following named special agents:

1. Michael F.O'Brien - Trans. to Pittsburg
2. Wm. F. Fannon -
3. Dante Di Lillo -

These three men have been here attending the school of Instructions since June 11th and 12th 1923 and are ready any time to be transferred out to other offices in the field.

I am also transmitting history of John J. Maroney who has been here since June 16 1923. I will be through with Mr. Maroney and he can be transferred to any office you designate any time after next Saturday July 7 1923.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 1st, 1923.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

In re: Personal Classification
Board Form #1

Attention Mr. Russell

Dear Sir:

Amplifying my telegram of to-day in reply to your telegram of May 31st, and in which you ask that classification sheets for myself, Agents Jentzer, Scully, Sinks and Golding be forwarded by Special Delivery, I beg to state my own classification sheet was mailed on May 15th, marked "Personal to the Director of the Bureau".

The classification sheet of Agent Scully went forward from this office on May 18th. The classification sheet of Agent Golding went forward on May 28th, same having been forwarded to Agent Golding at Atlanta, Ga., and reached there after his departure for New York. It was sent back here, however, and executed by him and went forward on the date mentioned. The classification sheet for Agent Sinks was forwarded to him on the 14th for execution. On May 18th, I addressed a letter to you requesting you to forward a form to Agent Jentzer, who at the time, was in the South working out of the office, at Jacksonville, Fla. To date the form in question has not been received by Agent Jentzer.

Truly yours,


EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 18th, 1923.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

In re: Personnel
Classification Board
Form #1

Attention Mr. Russell.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that in sending the recent supply of these forms to this office, none were included for either of the following two Agents: John W. Frost and Frank E. Jay. Will you also please forward one to Agent Charles P. Aita, formerly of this office, now located at the office at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and also one to Agent Harry J. Jentzer, who has been absent from this office for some time on a special assignment in the south.

The forms intended for Agents Aita and Jentzer we were compelled to use to take the place of two other forms which were filled out in error by two Agents, to an extent not permitting satisfactory corrections to be made on the originals, and under the circumstances the forms intended for the above specified absent Agents were substituted.

Truly yours,

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Edward J. Brennan

EDWARD J. BRENNAN.
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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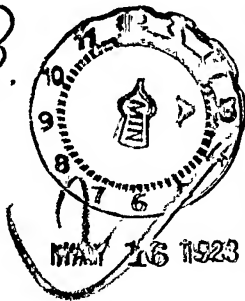
Personal and Confidential

Dear Gov:

I would much rather for you
(or Hoover) answer questions 24 + 25

E. J. B.

Mr Hoover
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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 15 1923

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Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to SAC Letter #245 initialed WWG:EW
May 10, 1923, I am transmitting you herewith form in duplicate
desired by the personnel classification bureau concerning
myself. Owing to the pressure of business here it is a
physical impossibility for me to attempt to have all these
forms transmitted to you within twentyfour hours after their
receipt here. I hope to be able to have all of these forms
properly filled out and in your office on Friday morning
next May 18th 1923.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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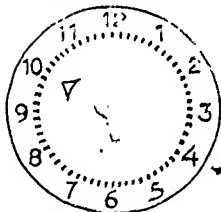
New York, June 1, 1923

Burns,

Washington.

Attention Five liturgic re Classification sheets stop Our
records show all named accounted for either sent you or
forwarded agents out of town stop My own sent special
delivery to Director May fifteenth letter follows.

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Brennan

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May 31, 1923.

BRENNAN,

Park Row Bldg.,

New York City.

Classification sheets self, Jentzer, Soullly
Sinks and Goding not received. Forward at once by Special
Delivery. Five.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 1 1923 A.M.
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JAR/MLH.

May 23, 1923.

Mr. Edw. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Sta.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the following
photographs, which will be attached to the respective
applications:

Virginia Donnelly
M.D. Powers
Dorothy Donnelly
Agnes Browne,

Very truly yours,

Director.

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
FORWARD

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 22 1923

Confidential

Dear Governor:

I am happy to enclose you herewith photostat copy of a letter from Miss Abigail Harding (the President's sister) and my reply concerning the courtesy extended to Miss Harding during her recent visit to the great City.

I know that you will be pleased to read it.

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 22 1923

Miss Abigail Harding,
494 East Center Street,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Miss Harding:

It is certainly gratifying and pleases me very much indeed to receive your kind letter of May 19th commending the efficient service and great courtesy rendered you by an attache of this office - Special Agent Joseph A. Barbera, during your recent visit to this city.

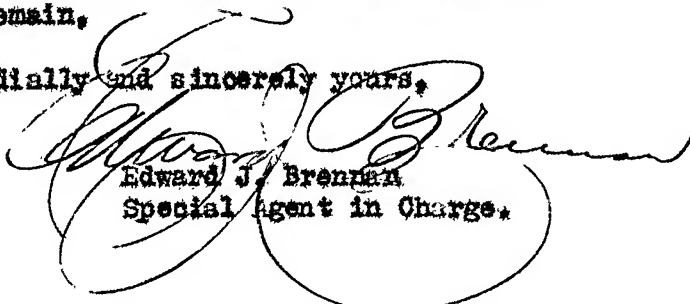
We feel elated at having the honor to have had a representative of this office to assist you in any way while visiting New York, and assure you that we appreciate your letter, and to advise you that you have endeared yourself into the hearts of the agents at New York by your kind and gracious words commending the ability and trustworthiness of our Agent.

Your letter and my acknowledgment were read at our regular Tuesday morning meeting of all the Special Agents of this office and copies transmitted to the Director, headquarters at Washington for his attention and the personnel file of Agent Barbera.

In passing I will say that the slogan of this Bureau under Mr. William J. Burns, the Director, is "Efficiency" and the New York office strives in every way possible to reach one hundred percent in that respect.

Trusting that we may have the honor and the pleasure of assisting you again, and thanking you on behalf of Agent Barbera and the agents of the New York office for your kind letter, I remain,

Cordially and sincerely yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

Best available copy



493 EAST CENTER STREET

MARION, OHIO

May 10 - 1923

Mr. C. E. Freeman

Divisional Chief

Department of Justice The Hon
New York City N. Y.

Respectfully Mr. Freeman:

I am a very close friend
of the since my return to Ohio
but I should feel in self miss
did I not say I would recom-
mendation for Mr. Joseph Barbara
for efficient service and
worthy made me trip through
certain districts of New York City



is very pleasant and safe one.
Your department is to be congrat-
ulated on having such a capable
and trust worthy representative.

To you and your department
we are much indebted through a
little body we acknowledge

Sincerely,

H. L. ...

JAR:EAD


May 15th, 1923.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

With reference to S.A.C. #243 issued May 1, 1923, requesting that every employee of the Bureau file an application blank together with a photograph you will find enclosed herewith a supply of these forms to be used only by those employees connected with your office at the present time who have not already filed an application, or those employed temporarily in the future.

Under no conditions are these blanks to be given to persons seeking employment, such persons should be referred to this office when forms will be sent to them direct.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 8 1923

RE: JEAN W. MERRIMAN
Stenographer - Bureau at Washington

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. J. E. Hoover

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7th 1923 initialed JEH:D concerning the request of the above named stenographer, Miss Merriman, to be transferred to the New York office of the Bureau.

In this connection beg to advise that the New York office can use any good stenographer almost any time; I have, during the past, kept down to the minimum the number of stenographers, and have only employed or requested to be authorized to employ stenographers who were absolutely necessary to do the work of this office. I have several agents who are also stenographers and have in the past used a considerable amount of their time doing stenographic work for the office. I contemplate and was intending to put these agents in the field here in New York to perform Special Agent's work as there have been many times that we could utilize their services I think with much better interest to the Bureau. As summer is coming along now and vacation time when we are lacking stenographers we could use another employe for that service.

Under the circumstances I can conscientiously say that we can utilize the services of another stenographer here in New York and request that Miss Merriman be transferred to this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

April 26, 1923.

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APR 27 1923

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the
24th instant, concerning Primo Bartolini and John Maragon,
who have been attending the New York training school.

I desire that Special Agent Maragon proceed im-
mediately to New Orleans and report to the Special Agent
in Charge for assignment. Bartolini should proceed im-
mediately to Philadelphia and report to the Agent in Charge
for assignment.

Very truly yours,

M. J. B.
Director.

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APR 23 1923

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 24 1923

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention J.E. Hoover

I am enclosing herewith histories of Special Agents, Primo Bartolini and John Maragon, who can be released any time the latter part of this week, Friday or Saturday.

It is suggested that these agents would be sent to some office for permanent work where they have no Greek or Italian Agent such as Philadelphia or Pittsburg, Pa.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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April 24, 1923.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a communication from
Special Agent Starr, requesting consideration for an in-
crease in his present compensation.

It has occurred to me that the best policy to
follow in such matters is for the Agent in Charge to submit
recommendation for increases in connection with his entire
personnel. There are, no doubt, many Agents in the service
who are receiving compensation which, in their estimation,
is inadequate for the services rendered. However, it is
impossible to obtain general increases throughout the en-
tire service in view of the condition of our appropriation
and I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would submit
a list of the personnel of your office with indication as
to the order of precedent to be followed in granting in-
creases which may be obtained at some later date.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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EDWARD J. BERNHART
(GJ S; VD)

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 17th, 1923.

DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully request that I be granted an increase in pay. While it is true that the number of informants, who have been working under my immediate supervision, has decreased from six to two, the responsibility and importance of the work has increased. One of these informants, as you know, receives \$10.00 a day compensation and is undoubtedly worth it. I believe that my interest and responsibility in the work is such that I should receive a compensation equal to the compensation of this informant, or at least more than I am now receiving.

Very truly yours,



Geo. J. Starr,
Special Agent.

*original
Starr*

April 11, 1923.

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Mr. J. J. Brennan,

P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your communications of the 6th instant, containing recommendations for increases in the personnel of your office as well as in certain of the offices which you visited.

This matter shall receive special attention and every effort is being made to procure increases in the compensation of our field employees who have given meritorious service.

Very truly yours,


Director.

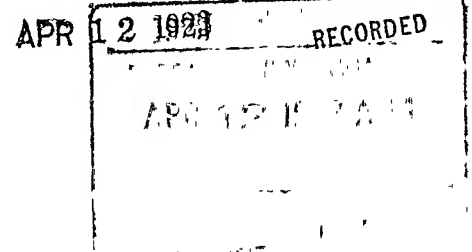
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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 6 1923

Personal and
~~Confidential~~



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conference of last Wednesday morning concerning certain increases that in my opinion should be granted special agents and other employees, I desire to transmit to you herewith a recapitulation of names of those who to my knowledge are worthy of it and should receive increases:

New York Office

1. Clarence R. Walsh *16 to 18*
2. Frank X. O'Donnell *8 " 9*
3. Ralph Navarro *7 " 8*
4. Joseph Barbera *7 " 8*
5. Daniel F. Dwyer *7 " 8*
6. Harry C. Leslie *7 " 8*
7. Virginia Donnelly *1400 to 1600. and bonus*

Cleveland Office

1. J. V. Ryan to \$9.00 a day

Detroit Office

1. Fred H. Hessler to \$9.00 a day
2. (Chas Jenkins transferred to Chicago)

Kansas City Office

1. Marshal Eberstein to \$9.00 a day

Oklahoma City Office

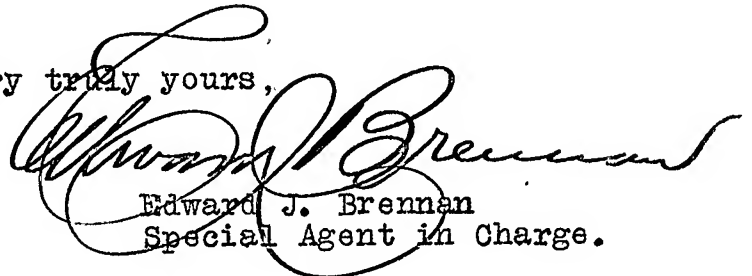
1. Stenographer Paul Baxter be appointed Special Agent and to do stenographer work Oklahoma Office.

St. Louis Office

- ✓ 1. Dennis Maher from ~~\$7.00~~ ^{\$6.00} to \$8.00
- ✓ 2. Emil Solanka to ^{4 to} \$6.00
- ✓ 3. Stenographer Marguerite Weiler to \$1400. and bonus. ¹²⁰⁰

There are undoubtedly others whom you know should receive increases in other districts and which I suppose the Special Agents in Charge of the districts will commend.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 6 1923

Re: VIRGINIA DONNELLY
Stenographer - New York Office

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Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

The above named stenographer, Virginia Donnelly has been in the service of this Bureau since November 1919, and has been employed in the St. Louis, Chicago and at present the New York office of this Bureau.

She has been assigned for the past year on the most delicate and confidential investigations in this Bureau office in New York, and I dare say that I doubt whether there is another employe in the service who has been taken into such confidence on important and confidential investigations as Miss Virginia Donnelly has. She handles all the confidential informants reports (including) - keeps in her custody in the files in the room which she occupies under lock and key, separate and distinct from the other files, all the confidential reports. In my opinion she is an expert, high class and very efficient stenographer. Her salary at present is \$1400. a year and the Congressional Bonus.

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It certainly would be very much appreciated in the event that you can see your way clear to recommend and arrange for this young lady's compensation to be increased to \$1600. a year and the congressional bonus.

Thanking you for your usual concurrence with me and knowing that it is your policy to see that all competent and efficient employes in this Bureau be duly compensated, I am, as ever,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. E. N. (Personal and Confidential for the file)

Referring to attached copy of letter to Miss Virginia Donnelly, if my recommendation contained in Par. 3 of my letter recommending an increase in her compensation April 6, now and will be granted, I take it that she will receive up to June 30, including bonus \$1840. After that her salary would revert to \$1600. per annum, plus the bonus.

I have dragged this young lady, together with her sister, to three different cities at a great expense to them. They are not like most all others living at home but are put to much expense (boarding) in order to get respectable places to live and especially here in N.Y.

N.Y. 4/6/23

E. J. Connelley

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WM. J. BURNS
DIRECTOR



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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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March 30, 1923.

Miss Virginia Donnelly,
Clerk,
Bureau of Investigation.

Madam:

Your compensation is hereby increased from Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1400) per annum to Sixteen Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1640) per annum, commencing April 1, 1923, and continuing until the close of business June 30, 1923, when it will revert to Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1400) per annum, plus the bonus. During the period mentioned, payment of the bonus will be suspended.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. DAUGHERTY,

Attorney General.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 17 1923

Mr. William J. Burns
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. J.E. Hoover

I am enclosing you herewith histories of the following newly appointed agents, eight in number who have been here for the past couple of weeks attending the school of instructions:

1. Edgar Cathcart ✓
2. Fred Lloyd Parker ✓
3. Louis Lilperin ✓
4. Herman Goldman ✓
5. Ralph Henry Cameron Jr. ✓
6. George Harold Griffiths ✓
7. Samuel John Banks ✓
8. John Edgar Boyle ✓

These men are now available and ready for the field where they can learn the detail work in making investigations.

I have three other agents, namely, Rudolph Seipel, Elmer E. Johnson, Roman L. Baca, who have only been here for the past three or four days and it will be the latter part of the month before they have completed their course here.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

*Delivered to Mr. Burns
1-22-23
J.E.H.*

January 17, 1923.

JEH/LMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan,

P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letters of
appointment signed by the Attorney General for
Mr. Rudolph Seipel, Mr. Charles A. Werner and
Mr. Elmer E. Johnson.

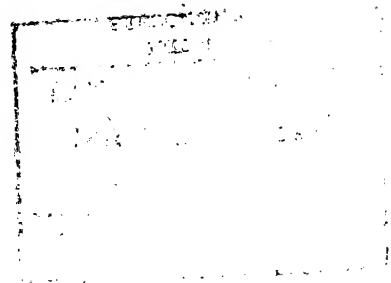
Will you kindly deliver these letters.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 145375.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Postoffice Box 241,
City-Hall Station, New York City.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th advising me that United States Attorney Colonel Hayward and his assistant Major James Holley Clark, Jr., have been very complimentary in their remarks regarding special agents Updgrove, Barbera and Jontzer who have been assisting in conducting investigations in prohibition matters directly with Major Clark.

This is indeed very refreshing and I wish you would convey to them my appreciation of their good work and tell them that record of the matter will be placed in their personnel files.

Yours very truly,

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Director.

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Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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RE: GENERAL PROHIBITION MATTERS.

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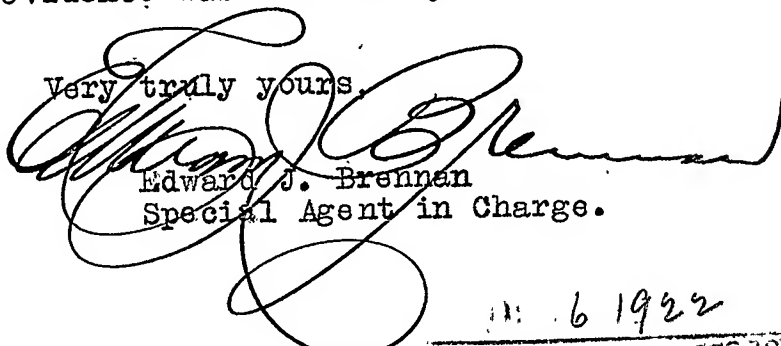
Mr. William J. Burns
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case it is very gratifying to me to report to you that United States Attorney Colonel Hayward and his Assistant, Major James Holley Clark Jr. have been very complimentary in their remarks of Special Agents Updegrove, Barbera and Jentzer of this office who have been from time to time during the past two or three months conducting an investigation (prohibition matters) cooperating directly with Asst. U.S. Attorney Clark.

The Federal Grand Jury here has recently returned some thirty indictments; in most of the important ones the evidence was secured by the above named agents.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, New York.

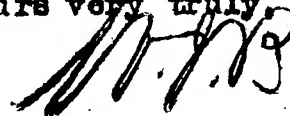
Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your recommendations for Agents John
C. Updegrove and Ralph Navarro.

I have in mind your verbal recommendation concerning these men and will take great pleasure in urging the same.

Sometime ago I asked for an increase for Agent Navarro but, due to the efforts of the Administration Officer to hold down the appropriation, it was not granted. I will make another effort.

Yours very truly,



Director.

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Letters of recommendation filed in
Navarro's and Updegrove's files.

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JKH*JJ

October 28, 1922

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Kindly make immediate investigation of the applicants whose names I give below, making this matter special, including in your report to me copy marked for the attention of Mr. Cameron, director, accounting-investigation, war frauds section, this Department.

Mr. W.E. Clements, (Accountant)
454 W. 24th St.
New York City.

References:

Mr. Chas. Matthews,
Chief Accountant, New York Stock Exchange,

Mr. Lyman Hino, President, and
Mr. H. W. Sheekley, Vice-President and Comptroller,
American Cotton Oil Co.,
65 Broadway, N. Y.

Dr. J. J. Byrne,
1250 Ocean Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. S. D. Patterson, C.P.A.
141 Broadway, N. Y.

Mr. Geo. L. Coleman,
21 Woodruff St.
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

References:

Thos. R. Lill,
291 Broadway, N. Y.

Geo. K. Coleman,
2 Stone St., N. Y.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
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Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D. C.



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the histories
of newly appointed agents, Mrs. Alaska P.
Davidson and Benjamin Jackson McKinney.

*Filed in their
respective folders -
JMB*

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge

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Brennan,

Park Row Building,

New York, N. Y.

Direct Agents McKinney and Davidson proceed Washington.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Oct. 27, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the following
newly appointed agents have finished the course
of instructions here in the training school and
are ready to start on active duty at any office
to which you may assign them:

Mrs. Alaska P. Davidson

Mr. Benjamin Jackson McKinney

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

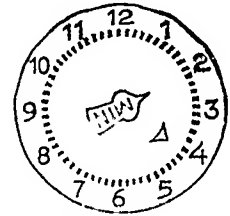
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*Have them both
report to Washington D.C.
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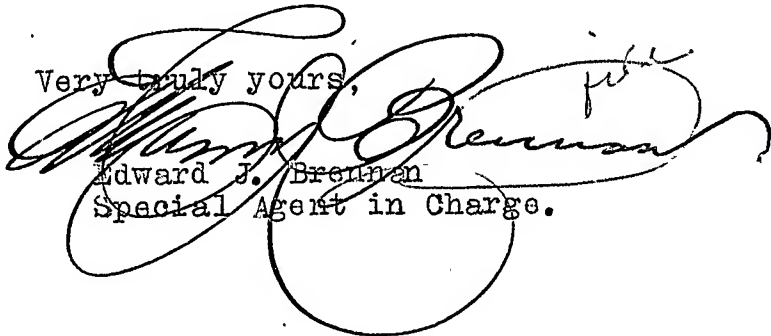
Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the histories
of the following named newly appointed agents
of this bureau:

George B. Knowles
Ernest F. Moss
William Browne
Samuel J. McAfee

Very truly yours,

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*These are filed
in this office
today.
H.W. Oct 27-22*

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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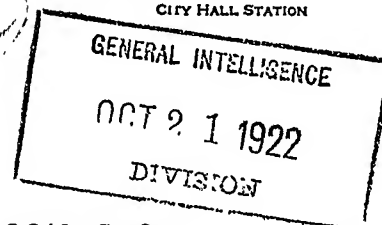
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TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION



October 20th, 1922.

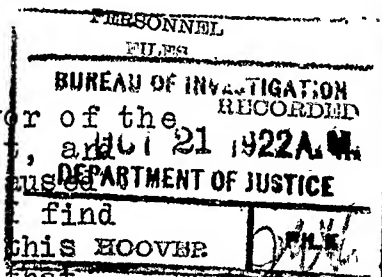
Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

In re: Applicants for
Positions in this Depart-
ment. N.Y. File #M-900

Attention Mr. J.E. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of the 14th instant, initialed JEH:H on above subject, and in reply to same I beg to state that I have caused a search to be made of our records, and that I find that there is only one open investigation of this nature on our books at the present time, and that reached us only to-day. This is the case of Mr. R. Bryan Gilliland, of Washington, D.C.



In connection with matters of this kind, I beg to state that no time is lost upon the receipt of your request for an investigation in instituting same. In view of the volume of investigations and special assignments passing through this office, I have found it expedient and productive of satisfactory results to adopt the following method: A questionnaire has been prepared which is forwarded to the various references with an appropriate letter and self-addressed, return envelope. Copies of the letter and questionnaire are herein inclosed for your inspection.

I find that this method has the double advantage of saving the Agent's time in calling upon the references only to find them not at home, and it is additionally satisfactory by reason of the fact that reference, in filling out the questionnaire, furnishes us with what amounts to a signed statement.

Slight delays sometimes are caused by the absence of a particular reference from his home, or place of business, due, possibly to his being out of town. A personal call on the part of the Agent, under such circumstances would not produce any quicker results. I have instructed the Agent making the investigation of this nature to hurry through at least a partial report, in the event of one or more of the references given,

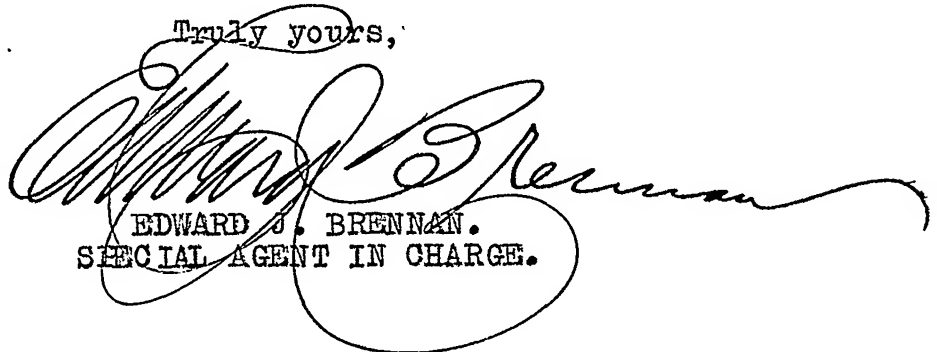
Director. Attention Mr. Hoover.

October 20th, 1922.

failing to respond promptly, to be followed up by a complete report when said missing responses are received.

This procedure, I think, you will find, has been religiously followed, and unless I should hear to the contrary from you, I will continue the above described practice in handling matters of the nature described.

Truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Brennan', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

EDWARD J. BRENNAN.
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

RE:

The Bureau at Washington has received an application from _____ for the position of _____ in this Bureau. Will you please be good enough to answer carefully the questions concerning the applicant contained in the attached questionnaire?

This inquiry is addressed to you in the belief that your answers will be made in the interest of the United States rather than in that of the applicant.

For your reply a self addressed envelope which needs no postage is herein enclosed.

Your communication will be treated as confidential.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN.
Special Agent In Charge.

EX-100 D:MVN.

RE:

1. How long have you known the applicant?
Is he married or single?
2. Are you related to the applicant? If so, state the
relationship.
3. Is the applicant in sound health?
4. What is the applicant's general reputation in the community?
5. Is the applicant trustworthy?
6. If you have ever employed the applicant, give the dates
give salary promotions
cause of leaving
7. State fully your views of the applicant's fitness with respect
to
 - (a) Honesty
 - (b) Loyalty
 - (c) Dependability
 - (d) Tact
 - (e) Judgment
 - (f) Resourcefulness
8. In which of the above mentioned points does the applicant
excel and in which is he likely to prove
deficient
9. On what other facts, if any, do you base your judgment of the
applicant's fitness for this position
(use back of sheet if necessary)

Signature

Address

Occupation or business

(For other remarks use reverse side of sheet)

JEH:H

October 14, 1922.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

Kindly check up on my requests for investigations to be made of applicants for positions in this Department, and let me have reports on the same at the earliest possible moment. These matters are important, and should be given attention.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Director.

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OCT 18 1922
[initials]

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September 15, 1922

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
241 City Hall Station,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th in which you state that special agents Francis E. Hurley and Albert Wade Wells are now ready to receive practical experience in the field, you are directed to send Mr. Hurley to Boston and Mr. Wells to Washington, D. C. where they are to report to the Special Agents in Charge.

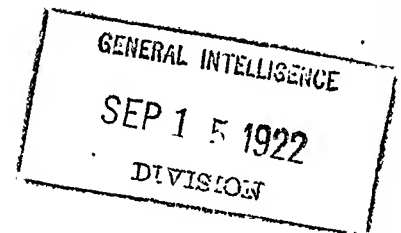
Very truly yours,

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Director

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Sept. 14, 1922.



Mr. William J. Burns
Director Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Hoover

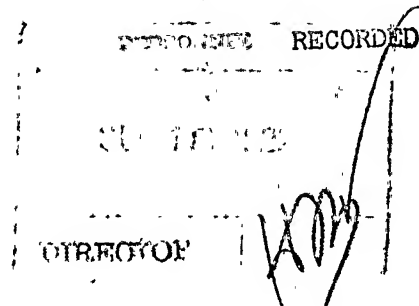
I am enclosing you herewith histories of
SPECIAL AGENTS - FRANCIS EUGENE HURLEY and
ALBERT WADE WELLS.

Both of these men have been here attending the
school of instructions for the past three weeks and
I think are ready to leave here to receive practical
experience in the field.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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JEH:H

August 30, 1932.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

Kindly make immediate investigation of the applicants listed below who are seeking positions as accountants with the war frauds section of this Department, reporting to me at the earliest possible moment. Include in your report copy marked for the attention of Mr. Cameron, director of that section:

Robert M. Boardman,
Address, Box No. 53, Colonial Beach, Virginia.

References:
Robert E. Strong,
General collection manager, Royal Typewriter Co.
New York City.

Ray D. Spaulding,
Address, 1235 Eye Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

References:
Mr. F. E. Huok,
Oriental Navigation Co., New York City.

Very truly yours,


Director.

JEH:H

August 24, 1922.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

I desire that you have immediate investigation made of the applicants listed below in order to ascertain their fitness for the positions which they are seeking, reporting to me at the earliest possible moment. Include in your report copy marked for the attention of Mr. Ely, chief clerk of the Department.

James Kane Politta,
2014 G Street, Washington, D.C.
Asbury Park, legal residence.

References:

Mr. P. C. Botzenmayer,
New York distributing manager, United States Tire Co.
1790 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. C. B. Ferry,
Vice-president, C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
42 Broadway, New York City.

Rev. Edward Lawrence Hunt,
Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.
Pastor of Church of Forest Hills, at one time

References:

Rev. George R. Van De Water,
Pastor, St. Andrews Church, 2057 Fifth Avenue.

Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst,
Presbyterian Minister.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Quinn
Director.

JAR/MLH.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. Edw. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Sta.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the following Special Agents
have been appointed, and instructed to report to you for
a course of instructions:

✓ Geo. B. Billings, 22 Burroughs St.,
Jamaica Plains, Boston,

✓ Mr. Wm. A. Carroll, 502 Albee Bldg., Washington,

✓ Mr. G. E. Peckham, Jr., 312 Willow St., Waterbury, Conn.

Mr. Robert H. Stevens, 2743 So. 18th St., Phila

Mr. John J. Keating has been instructed to report
to you for oath and also instructions.

Kindly have these agents present letter of appoint-
ment when they report to you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 8, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are histories of the
following named Special Bank Accountants who
have been attending the school of instructions
here in New York:

- 1 Samuel G. Patchell
- 2 Samuel T. Browne
- 3 Dave W. Moser
- 4 Geo. L. Armstrong
- 5 Geo. W. Toombs
- 6 Luther Jones
- 7 Arthur L. Draper
- 8 Catherine A. Selak

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Hand by

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Wm. J. Burns.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.



June 21, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting you herewith a memorandum containing the histories of the following newly appointed special agents:

1. Charles M. Hoyt, - *Phil*
2. Jacquelin M. Beggs - *Cleveland*
3. Daniel J. Keleher - *Wash*
4. George Reynolds Shanton - *Wash*
5. James E. Watson, Jr. - *Wash*
6. Thomas Harry Shanton - *Wash*

Transmitted to Bureau of Investigation

These agents have completed their course of instructions here in this office and are out with experienced trained agents endeavoring to learn the practical work which they can of course learn in any field office or district.

I suggest that those that you contemplate sending elsewhere than New York be instructed to proceed to their designated posts of duty the latter part of this week or Saturday night next, June 24th.

Referring to the above named Special Agent George Reynolds Shanton I am giving him special instructions in the routine of the office here endeavoring to prepare him and teach him the rudiments, rules and regulations of the bureau that he will become competent to take charge of the bureau office at New Orleans, La.

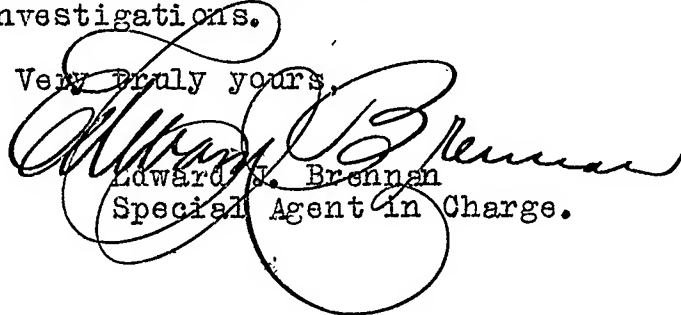
I suggest that this agent be called to Washington for the purpose of a further interview and instructions from you and that he may meet personally your assistants

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in Washington and confer with them, which, I think will be a benefit to him to come in personal contact with your assistants who have charge of the different lines of investigations.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Brennan'. The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 20, 1922.

Personal

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

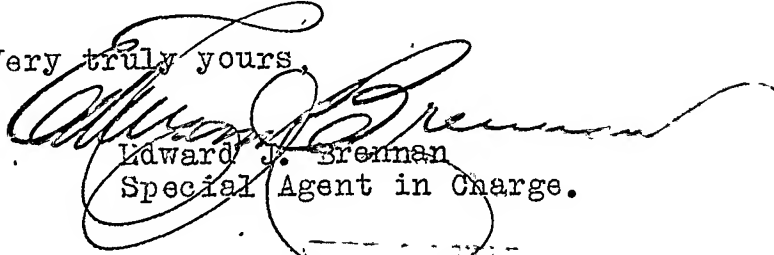
Beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 17, 1922, initialed "JB-JR", copy of which is hereto attached.

It will be a physical impossibility for us to get out our reports any earlier than we have heretofore. I must confess that I have been running this office with an insufficient force of stenographers; as it is now, when one of them is sick a day or two, it throws us back in our work and the others have to work over time to keep up.

On account of the confidential investigation going on in this office which practically ties up the services of one stenographer entirely and the steady increase of work demanded of us in this district, in order to keep up and have our work rendered efficiently, I request authority to employ another stenographer at an annual salary of \$1400. per year and the Congressional bonus.

In anticipation of an early and favorable answer,
I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Bureau of Investigation
WASHINGTON D C

WJB:JR

March 17, 1922.

Mr. E. J. Brennan
Box 241, City Hall Station
New York.

Dear Sir -

My attention has been called to the fact that reports are made by several confidential informants under your supervision from ten to twelve days after the period for which they are reporting.

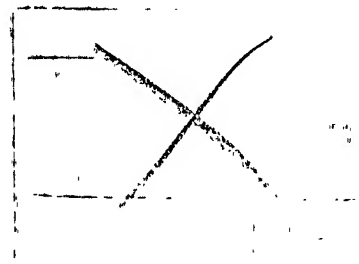
I am sure that you will concur in my opinion that such a practice is disastrous to the effective work of the Bureau at this time.

In many instances information is received from other sources which, upon being placed with the information submitted by your informants, enlightens me upon the matter under investigation, but, when reports are received from your office from ten to twelve days after the informants have secured the information, data emanating from these informants is practically of no value.

I therefore desire that this practice be stopped and that the informants' reports leave your office within twenty-four hours after the information has been secured.

Yours Very truly,

(signed) W. J. Burns,
Director.



April 11, 1922.

J. C. Meekins)
J. R. Cleary) Committee
O. H. Powers)
Bureau of Investigation,
15 Park Row,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In the absence of the Attorney General, I
acknowledge your letter of April 3rd, with which you
enclosed resolutions unanimously adopted by your class
in which you extended the thanks of the class to
Special Agent in Charge, Edward J. Brennan.

These resolutions will be called to the
attention of the Attorney General upon his return to
the City and I am quite sure that he will be gratified
that the work of Mr. Brennan is so highly effective
and so keenly appreciated by those with whom he is
associated.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Rush L. Holland

Assistant Attorney General.



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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 29, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting you herewith histories of the following agents who have been here in the school of instructions learning the rudiments and fundamental principles of the work of this bureau:

William F. Arkins,
Arthur Franklin Porter
Patrick Henry Dupuis
Harold Webb Shadle

transferred to New York
July 1, 1922

The above named agents have already been instructed to report to their designated posts of duty and will leave New York Saturday evening July 1, 1922.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Mr. Harboe for same and index the tracks of
various Agts - for instance Agt. Dupuis
AK:ob*

New York, N.Y.
June 26, 1922.

Memorandum for Mr. Burns or Hoover.

Dear Governor:

I desire to call your attention to the following things which I forgot to take up with you in person while here last Saturday:

- 1st. To call Assistant Attorney General Holland's attention to the lease of our quarters here in Park Row Building. Agents of the building here are very anxious to have this matter settled this week.
- 2nd. Authorization be granted to employ Mr. ~~Joseph Dolan~~ as typist at a salary of \$1200. per year and bonus in place of Miss Veronica Flynn who has resigned - see my letter of June 16 1922.
- 3rd. Authorization to employ ~~Mrs. Mary D. Powers~~ as stenographer New York office at a salary of \$1400. per year and the Congressional bonus, - Mrs. Powers to take the place of Mrs. Sedonia Wemple who was appointed but did not accept the position. See my letter of June 22, 1922.

Sincerely yours



JEH:H

June 28, 1922.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

I will appreciate it if you will make immediate investigation of the following named persons who are applicants for a position in this Department, including in your report a copy marked for the attention of Mr. Cameron, Director of Accounting-Investigation, War Frauds Section:

Eugene Q. Rhoad, temporarily located at 250 West 94th Street (Apartment 5), your city, at present employed by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, under W. B. Cragg, Chief Special Agent.

George P. Vetter, public accountant and industrial engineer, 25 West 43rd Street, your city.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 16, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the resignation of Clerk & Typist, Miss Veronica E. Flynn to take effect at the close of business July 19, 1922, which includes her accrued annual leave, 13½ days of the present year.

I am also enclosing herewith an application of Mr. Joseph Sylvester Dolan, 314 Linden St., Brooklyn, N. Y. and recommend that authority be granted for the employment of Mr. Dolan as clerk and typist at a salary of \$100. and the Congressional bonus.

Miss Flynn has been and is doing the typing for some six or seven translators in the translation branch of this local office and it is desired that Mr. Dolan will be appointed and employed in her place.

Mr. Dolan is known to attaches of the office and we have every reason to believe that he will be loyal and render efficient service.

Kindly advise me as soon as possible as Mr. Dolan is anxious to notify the concern he is with a few days in advance of terminating his services with them.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 15, 1922.

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Direct informant proceed Boston and tender his
resignation services terminating upon arrival Boston stop two
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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

Washington.

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N. J. B.;

Dillon, Dunn and Palmera.
have been and are at present on
very confidential matter for us.
Isaiah (Morris) has been here
for past 7 years.

Allegra has been on a
Special for Grim (Grim) for
about a year who thinks
he is O.K. Allegra is a
very good shadower.

Witsman is the best
shadower in the country so
is Anderson and both can
investigate.

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Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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May 25, 1922.

Personal & ~~Confidential~~

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I have, some time ago, recommended an increase
in compensation for the following named agents:

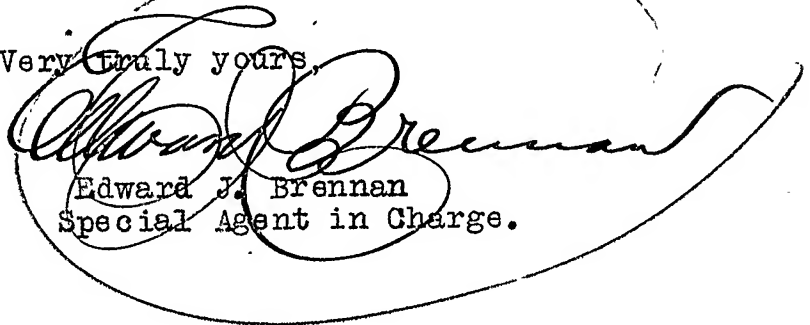
1. Special Agent Morris D. Traub; Appointed
in this Bureau July 1915, present compen-
sation \$5.00 per day. *\$6 -*
2. Gaspere Allegra, Appointed as Special Agent *#6*
May 1920, present compensation \$5.00 per day.
3. James Dillon, Appointed as stenographer in
bureau Oct. 1912; Appointed Special Agent in
July 1920, present compensation \$5.00 per day. *#6*
4. William E. Dunn, Appointed stenographer in
Bureau in July 1919, salary \$1200 per annum; *#6*
Appointed Special Agent July 1920, present
compensation \$5.00 per day.
5. Ralph Palmera, Appointed Special Agent in *#6*
the bureau Nov. 12, 1919, present compensa-
tion \$5.00 per day.
6. Albert Weitsman, Appointed Nov. 1919, present *#7*
salary, \$6.00 per day.
7. Edward Anderson, Appointed Sept. 1919, present *#7 -*
compensation \$6.00 per day.
8. Wilkie Burke; Special Agent Burke whose status I *#7*
am not certain of as to where his headquarters are,
but who was engaged here in New York is at present
on an assignment in Washington, D.C. I recommended

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an increase in Special Agent Burke's compensation some months ago. He was originally appointed as file clerk in the Washington office, subsequently appointed special agent in April 1920, resigned, and reappointed in Sept. 1921 compensation \$5.00 per day, with head-#7 quarters at New York City.

I desire to call your attention again to these recommendations and trust that you can see your way clear to arrange that they be granted an increase in their compensations.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Edward J. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice.

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NEW YORK, June 8, 1922

Director,
Washington,

Two stop replying to your telegram re Daniel
Day Wolf stop See reports Agent Updegrove June 6th and 7th stop
Several attempts to interview other references thus far un-
successful. stop Further report today .

Brennan

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May 29, 1922.

Mr. Edw. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Sta.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J. M. Eggs, Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., has been appointed Special Agent and instructed to report to this office for oath of office.

Immediately thereafter he will be furnished transportation to New York to report to you for instructions. Kindly have him present letter upon arrival.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JAR-107B

May 29, 1922.

Edw. J. Brennan,
Park Row Building,
New York City.

James S. Crawford^f three thirty-two N. Forty-third St.,
New York, has been appointed Special Bank Accountant in
this Department and instructed to report to you for oath.
You should immediately furnish him with transportation
to Washington. Have him present telegram upon arrival.
Five.

Burns.

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JAR-1092

May 29, 1922.

Brennan,
Park Row Building,
New York City

X Daniel J. Kalkauer, three thirty West Nineteenth St., and
Y J. P. Arkins, twenty-one West Eighty-seventh St., both of
New York, have been appointed Special Agents in this Depart-
ment and instructed to report to you for oath and instructions.
Have them present telegrams upon arrival. Five.

Burns.

X appt. of Arkins
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JAR-MO'B

May 29, 1922.

Mr. Edw. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Sta.,
New York City

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Charles M. Hoyt, 218 Main Street, Bradford
Dist., Haverhill, Mass., has been appointed Special Agent
and instructed to report to Agent in Charge Letherman
for oath of office.

Mr. Geo. T. Shanton, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department, Washington, D. C., has been instructed to
report to this office for oath of office.

Immediately thereafter they will be furnished
transportation to New York to report to you for instructions.
Kindly have Mr. Hoyt present telegram and Mr. Shanton a
letter upon their arrival.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 10, 1922.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to your communication of the 3rd inst. concerning the stenographic force of your office I am unable to advise you of any person who is available for appointment to work of the character in your office.

Just as soon as you have located some one who you feel can meet the qualifications, you should at once advise me of the same in order that I may recommend appointments to fill the places to which Mrs. Wemple and Miss Dorner had been appointed.

Very truly yours,


Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Personal

May 3, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: Stenographer Force New York Office

Dear Sir:

Adverting to enclosed letters re: appointment of Mrs. Sedonia D. Wemple as stenographer in this office which she has declined, and application of Miss Anna M. Dorner who is not available, I desire to again request authority to employ an additional stenographer in this office at the earliest possible moment at a salary of \$1200 or \$1400. per year and the Congressional bonus.

Kindly advise me of any person that you have in mind or of any person whom you have confidence in who can recommend a competent, loyal and dependable stenographer.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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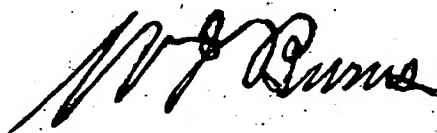
April 11, 1922.

Mr. Edw. J. Brennan,
Box 241, City Hall Sta.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It is noted in the report of Agents Felix Quigley and J. C. Updegrave, dated April 4, 1922, relative to H. Lipaki, applicant for appointment as Special Agent, that reference is made to a report of March 11th and March 22nd. You are advised that this office has no record of receiving the report for March 22nd and requests that copy be furnished in order that our records may be complete.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 31, 1922.



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4/6/22 - M. J. Burns*

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In further compliance with your letter of March 29th 1922, initialed JMH-H I am transmitting you herewith a history of the following named agents whose homes are all in Greater New York,

- Rec'd 4-1-22*
1. Felix Quigley - 54; 25 yrs in Police
 2. Daniel F. Dwyer - 34; good
 3. Edward J. Cartier - 37; good
 4. Michael J. McInany - 53; mediocre
 5. Harry Katz - 35; good
 6. David S. Lande - 46; Yiddish; good in city
 7. William F. Seery - 26; good
 8. Audun L. Auen - 30; good
 9. Thomas J. McGee - 30; former Agt; good
 10. Bertram Coss Keefe - 33; accountant

In this connection I desire to state that I have worked hard with these men for the past ten days endeavoring to impart to them all the information that I possess pertaining to the rudiments and fundamentals of the work of this bureau.

They have finished the elementary work and will be ready to operate, with experience agents, beginning Monday April 3rd.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

*Histories filed individually
4/6/22. M. J. Burns*

March 29, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith histories of the following named agents:

1	Daniel R. Vaccarelli	Home; Baltimore, Md.
2	Joseph R. Cleary,	Home; Nashua, N.H.
3	Michael J. Healy	Home; Manchester, N.H.
4	Frederick A. Briggs,	Home; Washington, D.C.
5.	Hugh A. McBreen	Home; Brighton Mass.
6	Maurice J. Cronin	Home; Dorchester, Mass.
7.	Charles H. Huggins	Home; Wheeling W. Va.
8.	Charles H. Powers	Home; Washington, D.C.
9.	Jeremiah Charles Meekins	Home; Washington N. Carolin
10.	Parsons, Edwin C.	Permanent Home Hollywood, Calif. Temporary New York.

It will be noted that these men have only been here for about the past ten days; I have devoted very much of my time and given them my personal attention in an endeavor to impart and explain to them in every way possible the rudiments and fundamentals of the work of this service.

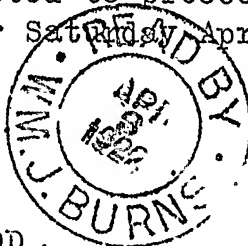
All these agents reside outside of New York City.

It is my opinion that they should be sent to their designated posts of duty where they can commence to operate with a view of obtaining further practical experience and developing into real agents.

Agent Powers will be available and ready to leave here Sunday night next. All others above mentioned I would suggest be instructed to proceed to their designated posts of duty any time after Saturday April 1, 1922.

Very truly yours,

RJB/DD



Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

PERSONAL &
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

March 28, 1922.

RE: JAMES HEANEY & MARTIN DRENNAN
Alleged Misconduct of Special Agents

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Adverting to your letter of March 23, 1922, initialed WJB-JBD concerning investigation that you instructed to have conducted at Glens Falls, N.Y. and other places in the matter of the alleged misconduct of the above mentioned Special Agents, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith in duplicate report of Special Agent John C. Updegrove of this office.

Special Agent Updegrove advises that the persons interviewed absolutely refused to make affidavits and it was after much persuasion that they reluctantly signed a brief statement covering the material facts.

From Agent Updegrove's reports it appears that Special Agent Heaney's conduct was unbecoming to an agent of this bureau and his dismissal was well deserved; that Special Agent Drennan was placed at a disadvantage and in an embarrassing position in being assigned to work with this Agent, Heaney and it is believed that it was under these circumstances alone that Special Agent Drennan is mixed up in this matter at all.

Trusting that the matter has been covered satisfactorily, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Drennan
Edward J. Drennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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OPPOSITE EMPIRE THEATRE
14 & 16 SOUTH STREET

HOT AND COLD WATER
IN EVERY ROOM



GLENS FALLS, N.Y.

J.M.MADDEN, PROP.

SAMPLE ROOMS

STEAM HEAT

ROOMS WITH BATH

Mich 25th 1932

When Mr Dorman &
Mr Henry were guests
of this Hotel from Feb 7th
to Feb 10th on the night
of Feb 10th I seen Mr
Henry under the influence
of liquor

J. H. Madden
Prop

Written by J. H. Madden
and signed in my
presence, 5th P.M.
Jno C. Updegrave.

About Feb. 5 " Mr Jas a Hraney
came here and asked me to have a
drink with him, and we went to
O'Donnell's place on Broadway and
we had a drink " Mr. Hraney on
this occasion was under the influence
of liquor. This was the only time I
ever saw him in this condition.
John X Kuler

Albany N.Y.

March 26th, 1922

Signed in presence of
John C. Updegraff
Walter Boyd

Keeler's Hotel Restaurant

Broadway, opposite Depot

Albany, N.Y. Mar. 27-1922

On or about Dec. 20th, 1921 Mrs. Speer, introduced ^{me} to Jas. Heany, when they came in to our store, 7 South Pearl, looking into the question of prices. We went to O'Connor's (J.P.) Cafe, Beaver St., and Heany had some drinks (Rye whiskey) and became drunk and boisterous, calling everybody in the place unprintable names, and could not be quieted. This was the only time I was with him.

Ruth V. Anderson
Anderson Clothing Co.

Signed in the presence of
Jno. C. Updegraves
Nelson Boyd

Albany, Mar 27-1922

On or about Feb 5th, 1922, Mr M. J. Drennan and Jas. A. Haneey, came in to O'Donnell's Cafe 560 Broadway, of which I am Manager. Haneey demanded drinks and was very abusive because I did not want to give him liquor; as he was drunk when he came in to our place. I saw him under the influence of liquor several times, and he has a very dirty tongue at such times. As to Mr Drennan, he was always very quiet and was never drunk, that I know of.

Michael J. Fleming
560 - Broadway
Albany
N.Y.

Signed in the presence of
John C. Updegraff
Nelson Boyd

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MAR 25 1922

March 23, 1922

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
City Hall Station, Post Office Box 241,
New York City

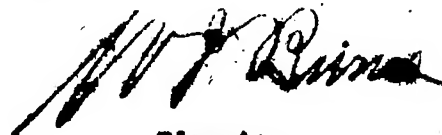
Dear Sir:

I have before me a report from
special agent Daniel C. Devlin, dated January
1st, 1922, to February 10, 1922, and written
February 24th.

What I would like to know is whether
or not my instructions were complied with by
sending a special agent up to Glenn Falls and
those other places to get affidavits in the
matter of the misconduct of Heaney and Brennan.
This report only repeats what Devlin told in
New York and is not what I want. I want an
entire and complete investigation, and affidavits
to confirm these statements which have been
made in the report.

I hope to see you in New York on
my way back from Portland.

Very truly yours,



Director.

RECORDED

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 25, 1922.



Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Attention J. Arthur Russell

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of January 24, 1922, initialed JAR-MO'B concerning certain agents named therein requesting report from me regarding their qualifications, etc., desire to state that report was submitted regarding Special Agent Samuel Gurevich on December 8, 1922 (copy of which is hereto attached).

Reports on Agents Allegra, Covello, Hazen, Zagie and Maloney will be transmitted to you in a few days.

It is noted that you include the name of Special Agent W. B. Snyder on your list in your letter of Jan. 24, 1922. It is suggested that the Philadelphia office be requested to furnish a history and report on the qualifications of Agent Snyder as he has been in the service several years and attached directly to the Philadelphia office. He has only been engaged in New York, off and on a few months in the so-called Builders Investigation and never was directly attached to the New York office.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB/DD

RECEIVED

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Personal

March 2, 1922.

RE: Alleged Misconduct of Special Agents
Martin J. Drennan and James A. Heaney

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

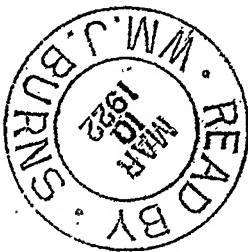
Adverting to our conference on yesterday, March 1st, concerning the above entitled matter, if it is your instructions I will arrange to have Special Agent Updegrave of this office proceed to Albany and vicinity to make the necessary investigation.

In the event that this is your desire, I would thank you to please mail me a copy of your letter of instructions of February 20, 1922, to Special Agent Daniel C. Devlin for the use of Special Agent Updegrave.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB/DD



JAB/MLH.

March 9, 1922.

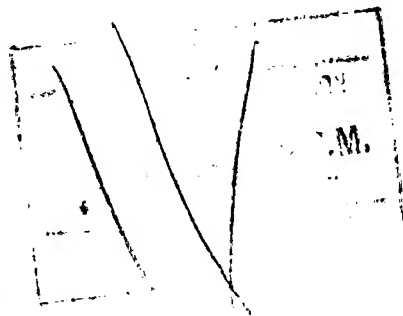
E. J. Brennan,

Park Row Bldg.,

New York City.

**Inform George Hill his services terminated
expiration accrued leave: Five.**

Burns.



Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 6, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find clipping from the New York Herald of March 5, 1922, which purports to be a special cable to the New York Herald from Paris, France, quoting what appears to have been issued in the Paris morning Journal Official that the "medal of honor for municipal and rural police" (one of the most coveted distinctions bestowed on French Police) has been granted to certain police officials and officers of the New York Police Department and Special Agents of this Department in this office, namely:

Special Agent John L. Haas,
Special Agent Clarence R. Walsh
Special Agent Charles J. Scully
Special Agent George Starr.

These agents were assigned by me to cooperate with the local police department. and guard and protect the distinguished French Marshal Foch of France while he was a visitor in this city last, Oct. 28th and Nov. 19, 1921.

Owing to the knowledge of the identity of many known anarchists to these agents together with their knowledge of the activities of this class, and the confidential information coming from our "under cover agents and informants" we are advised that the police officials responsible for the protection of Marshal Foch felt comfortable and that we were really of much assistance to this detail.

I assume that these agents will be allowed to accept these medals which they desire very much and will wear occasionally with much pride, however, if this newspaper dispatch is true and the medals are really received here for these agents I will advise you immediately in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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FRENCH POLICE MEDALS AWARDED TO N. Y. MEN

Lahey, O'Brien, Gegan Get Coveted Distinctions.

MAR 6 1922

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
Copyright, 1922, by THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, }
Paris, March 5. }

Notice of an exceptional grant of French police medals appeared in this morning's *Journal Officiel* showing that the following members have been awarded the "medal of honor for municipal and rural police," one of the most coveted distinctions bestowed on the French police: William J. Lahey, chief inspector; Inspector John O'Brien, Lieut. James J. Gegan and the following agents of the Department of Justice in New York: John L. Hanse, Robert Welsh, Charles Scully and George Stan.

Medals also were awarded to the following detectives of Lieut. Gegan's staff: William Van Valkenberg, Cornelius J. Brown, Louis Herman, George Mac-Ardney, Charles Newman, Edward Cooper, George S. Gilbert and Christopher Kelly.

Inspector O'Brien was formerly in charge of traffic, but is now acting deputy chief inspector for Queens and Richmond. Lieut. Gegan and his staff were assigned to guard Marshal Foch and other distinguished French visitors while in this city.

JEH*H

March 8, 1922.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Post Office Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. advising me that the medal of honor for municipal and rural police has been granted to Special Agents Haas, Walsh, Souilly, and Starr. X X

X It is indeed gratifying to note the high opinion in which these agents were held by Marshal Foch upon his last visit to the United States, and there is no objection whatever to their accepting this honor.

Permit me also to communicate to them through you my hearty commendation of their services upon that occasion.

Very truly yours,


Director.

ST. LOUIS, MO. - E. J. BRENNAN

The oldest man in the point of service in the Bureau. A thoroughly experienced and qualified investigator along all lines. Energetic and thoroughly dependable. Can be used on any sort of investigation and is an excellent administrative man. Has worked on some of the biggest cases in the government.

WJB:JBD

February 7, 1922

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Park Row,
New York City

My dear Mr. Brennan:

This will serve to introduce Mr. Hugh M. Alcorn, who is State Attorney at Hartford, Connecticut, and who has also been appointed by the Attorney General as a Special Assistant for the prosecution of certain prohibition cases.

I am asking Mr. Alcorn to stop and see you for a conference, and I want you to arrange to give him all the aid and assistance that he may need, and select for him the very best and trained men that can help him to make his prosecution a success. I have assured Mr. Alcorn that he will find that you will be very glad to aid and assist him.

Very truly yours,

Director



Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 30, 1922.

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. J. Arthur Russell.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of January 24, 1922, and in further reference to my letter of Jan. 25, 1922, I am enclosing you herewith histories of the following named agents for your personnel files:

- ✓ Gaspare J. Allegra
- ✓ Peter Joseph Covello
- ✓ William Patrick Hazen
- ✓ Joseph Zajic
- ✓ George Hill
- ✓ Samuel G. Maloney

READ BY W. J. R.

These, I believe complete the list of agents in this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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WJB/FMK

January 23, 1922

Mr. Roy A. Haynes,
Prohibition Commissioner,
Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Haynes,

I enclose herewith ~~copy~~ of
a ~~confidential~~ report received from Mr. Brennan
of our New York Office, for your perusal and
action, in connection with your Connecticut
Investigation.

Yours very truly

Director

Enc.

1. Edward J. Brennan was transferred by Mr. Burns from Chicago office to New York office August 26, 1919 (See his record which it is presumed is in the personnel file). Brennan appointed U. S. Secret Service Treasury Dept. March 1907 Chief Wilkie, President Roosevelt's Administration. Transferred Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice July 1, 1908 when this bureau was organized.

or James P. Rooney and
Agent James B. Rooney ^{is} not related to Brennan.

(Taken from memorandum for Mr. Burns by Edward J. Brennan
January 20, 1922).

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 19th 1922.

Confidential

William J. Burns Esq.
Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

(MATTER OF REQUEST
OF COMMISSIONER,
PROHIBITION ENFORC-
MENT BUREAU, ON CON-
NECTICUT CONDITIONS.)

Dear Sir,

1. In addition to the requests of this office for the assignment of a special agent of the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau at Washington, to inspect the books and records of Booth & Platt Company, Bridgeport, Conn. for irregular withdrawals and distribution,

2. And, the request for copies of the names of those who sponsored and endorsed HARRY E. MACKENSIE for the position of Director, Prohibition Enforcement Bureau for the State of Connecticut,

3. It is desired that the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau at Washington, D.C., will assign four or more men, at their own discretion, to keep a surveillance over shipments out of the Peoples' Ice & Cold Storage Co's plant at 1337 Seaview Ave. Bridgeport, Conn., with the purpose of procuring evidence of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. Government, and violations of the laws governing prohibition enforcement, on the part of HARRY E. MACKENSIE, Frank E. Ballard; the Peoples' Ice and Cold Storage Co.; the Booth & Platt Co., and others.

These men, if assigned, should get in touch with D.C. Devlin, Special Agent, at the Hotel Stratfield, Bridgeport, Conn. as soon as possible.

Your attention is called, respectfully, to the preliminary report on this matter, by Agent Devlin, as of this date.

Yours truly,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan.
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DGD.

WJB/FMK

January 17, 1928

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ed,

I am sending a letter to Mr. Podell telling him we need the services of Special Agents Brand and Fickland for a few days and requesting that he have the men report to you at once.

When they report to you - and let there be no misunderstanding about it regardless of what Mr. Podell may say - tell them to report to Mr. Guiler and take up an investigation at once, which he will outline to them.

I enclose copy of my letter to Mr. Podell.

Yours very truly

Enc.

WJB/FMK

January 17, 1928

Mr. David L. Podell,
Special Assistant U. S. Attorney,
Federal Building,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Podell,

~~We~~ we will need the services
of Special Agents Brand and Pickland
for a few days and I would, therefore,
request that you have them report
immediately to Mr. Brennan.

When they have
finished I will have them again
report to you.

Yours very truly

Director

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 13, 1922.



Mr. Burns

Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. J. Arthur Russell

With reference to your letter of January 11, 1922, initialed JAR-LMR advising that the applications of Mr. J. P. Fernsler and Francis J. Kilmartin which they were requested to fill out and return to your office, did not contain their photographs in compliance with notation #20 on the application, beg to advise that Mr. Kilmartin has been requested to forward his photograph as soon as practicable.

Beg to advise that some time ago I recommended that the appointment of J. P. Fernsler who it appears is a dollar a year man, be revoked.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

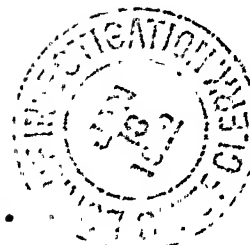
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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.



January 12, 1922.

Mr/ William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Attention

Mr. J.A. Russell

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of December 16, 1921, I am enclosing herewith, I think, the data requested by you.

In passing I might mention that it was owing to the tremendous amount of work being done in this office and the shortage of stenographers that I have not been able to get this out before this.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB/DD

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 12, 1922.

RE: JOHN T. OWENS
Clerk in the New York office.



MR. WILLIAM J. BURNS,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:


Attention J. A. Russell

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10, 1922, initialed JAR-IMR requesting to be advised the exact period of service this young man has rendered and ascertain whether or not he intends to return to duty, and if not to have him submit his resignation.

I respectfully refer you to my letter of Oct. 28, 1921, where I went into detail as to the period covered by this employee.

I have today caused a copy of your letter to be transmitted to Mr. Owens requesting him to advise me in the premises.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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JAR/LMR

January 11, 1922.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,

P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have received the applications of
J. P. Fernsler and Francis J. Kilmartin which
they were requested to fill out and return to
this office. It is noted that they have failed
to submit their photograph in accordance with
notation #20 on the application. Please have
them forward same as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

January 9, 1932.

JAR/LMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the applications of Dorothy Donnelly, Virginia Donnelly and Mildred J. Brummer. It is noted that they have failed to submit their photograph in accordance with notation #20 on the application. Please have them forward same as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

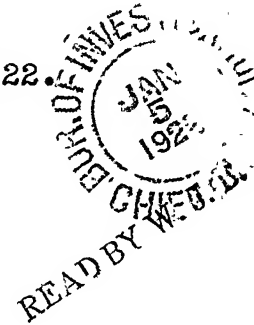
Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 4, 1922.



Mr. William J. Burns,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. J. A. Russell

In response to your letter of Dec. 31, 1921, initialed JAR-MO'B requesting reports on investigations made to determine whether or not the following named applicants are qualified for appointment as Special Agents: John J. Barrett, Edward J. Cartier, and David S. Lande, I beg to advise:

That the above mentioned John J. Barrett was appointed on Nov. 4, 1921, reported and executed oath of office and entered upon duty here on Nov. 10th and resigned on Nov. 30, 1921.

Investigations have not been concluded as to the other two, Cartier and Lande on account of the tremendous amount of work involved upon this office to produce particularly during the last month or six weeks. I will be frank in saying that we leave investigations of this character until the last and unless otherwise instructed will pursue this policy.

Agent Updegrove has these matters in hand and was instructed today to expedite this investigation and I will see that you get reports at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB/DD

My dear Mr. Hoover,

Personal & Confidential

About a year ago I dictated the attached letter to W.J.B. but did not mail it on account of so many things coming up and transpiring since that time.

I never have, either directly or indirectly, by letter or otherwise, taken up the matter of my compensation with my superiors, since I have been in this Bureau, and this is the first time that I have ever, in any way, directed or called attention to it.

I was going through my desk today and in an envelope came across this attached letter, and had W.J.B's. name erased, and addressed to you as Acting Director.

In view of the probability of classifying or rating the local Bureau offices as to compensation to be paid to the Special Agent in Charge, I thought it would be a good idea to forward it, as I think it contains the facts as to the work performed here - or will be expected to be performed by any Special Agent in Charge, and incidentally mention matters that affect me personally.

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I earnestly wish to impress you, and have you thoroughly understand that I do not want to cause you any annoyance in this matter, and only hope that the New York office of the Bureau will be classified so that the Special Agent in Charge will receive proper, fair and just compensation.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signature)

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James

July 23, 1934.

JEB/LMR

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

RECORDED & INDEXED

I received your communication of the 19th instant, in which you answer certain statements in detail that have been made by Mr. David S. Lande relative to the conduct of your office. I am taking the occasion to place this answer along with the statement of Mr. Lande in order that it may become a permanent record in the Bureau and so that if at any time the files are examined your reply will appear.

I am writing you personally about this matter for I do not want you to in any way feel that your record has been blackened by any statements that Lande has made. I have come to the conclusion that anyone who tries to honestly and conscientiously perform his duties without favoritism and without regard to politics is apt to be attacked viciously by individuals who seem to feel that the government service is a dumping ground for incompetents and political deadwood.

I know that in the job which I am handling here now I have administered the same fearlessly and without regard to influence, personal or political, and it is amusing to hear the stories that come to me from various sources of the attacks that are being made or will be made upon me. I was told Saturday by a friend of mine that in a certain part of the country I was being accused of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan and firing from the service every person who was not a Mason and for that reason the Attorney General ought to make a change in the Acting Directorship of the Bureau. The same day I heard from another friend of mine that in another part of the country the members of the Masonic fraternity were displeased with my actions because I had fired a number of Masons and they felt that in view of the fact that I was a Mason I should certainly give preference to Masons and not dismiss them from the service. So you see you get it either going or coming. Fortunately, however, this is the same old line of attack that one always faces when he tries to do something for the efficiency of any service and I am ready for the battle any time anybody wants to start it along either of these lines. For instance, in Boston just a few days ago, I cleaned out that office, firing the Agent in Charge, who happened to be a Mason, and a number of other Agents, who, I am advised, were Catholics. It didn't make a particle of difference to me who they were, if they were incompetent they had to go. The great consolation, however,

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of the present situation is that we have an Attorney General who is fearless and who only wants efficiency and who will back one up as long as he has the facts upon which he takes the action. The same is true of Mr. Holland and as long as we have the support of two such high-minded public spirited officials, it is a pleasure to try to put the service upon a basis of efficiency rather than upon a reform based upon political expediency.

You, no doubt, will be attacked in the future by other malcontents who are let out of the service, but I know that you are thoroughly hardened to such attacks by your long service with the Bureau, and you may depend upon it that those of us here at Washington have the utmost confidence in your integrity and fairness, so what else matters as long as you have your conscience clear and have the support of your official superiors.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director.

MAILED

JUL 23 1924

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 19 1924.

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JUL 24 1924

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JUL 24 1924 A.M.	
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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 18, 1924, initialed JEH:LMR, marked Personal and Confidential, enclosing a photostat copy of a letter received by you from former Special Agent David S. Lande, dated July 10, 1924, and also a photostat copy of the memorandum you submitted to Assistant Attorney General Holland, together with a carbon copy of a letter you prepared for the signature of General Holland under date of July 18, 1924, addressed to the Honorable Walter M. Chandler former Congressman from New York City concerning Mr. Lande's comment on the conduct of my administration of local office of this bureau.

It comes to my mind that Congressman Chandler called at this office recently and indicated to me that he had had a conversation with Mr. Lande and that Mr. Lande had written or was about to write something to the Department. I would judge from what Congressman Chandler related to me that Mr. Lande thought that he had a grievance against him, Congressman Chandler, and was really very much perturbed in that Congressman Chandler could not place or hold him in this office or in some other government office where he could be in New York all the time and not have to leave here even temporarily. As a result of this conversation with the Congressman, Mr. Lande walked off stating that he was through with politics.

In reading over the photostat copy of the letter signed by Mr. Lande, I am satisfied that he did not dictate or write this letter; of course he caused it to be written and signed it.

For your convenience, I will incorporate herewith the record as I find it in this office concerning any comments that I have made officially to the Bureau concerning former Special Agent David S. Lande.

On March 30, 1922, after Mr. Lande had attended the school of instructions here in the usual reports on all agents, at that

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time I made the following remarks on Mr. Lande:

"Personality rather fair. On account of his nationality and experience, I am of the opinion that this agent could do valuable work on bankruptcy and other matters in large cities like New York and Chicago. He probably will never make anything other than an ordinary agent."

In response to your instructions contained in your Circular Letter of May 15, 1924, to furnish a detailed statement upon the quality of work of each employe of this office together with information concerning his attitude towards his work and degree of efficiency attained, I forwarded you on May 19th, 1924, with reports on all other agents and employes of this office, a report concerning former Special Agent David S. Lande which reads as follows:

"This man speaks Hebrew and can be used in bankruptcy investigations where persons of that nationality are involved also has made a great many investigations on visa matters here in New York. Does not like to travel and it is said he has made the remark that if he is kept on the road any great length of time he would have to resign. Attitude towards work - independent and apparently only mildly interested. Said to be pretty well fixed financially. Degree of efficiency - limited."

In response to a request from you to give you the names of some of the agents who could be spared from the New York office that is when you were making the reduction of the entire force, after giving this matter very, very, careful and conscientious consideration, I submitted to you the names of four agents in this office, which included Mr. Lande. It appears that Mr. Lande had former Congressman Chandler appeal to the Department and the Bureau for reinstatement and in response to your letter of June 3, 1924, concerning this particular matter, I will quote herewith my letter to you for June 4, 1924:

"Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 3rd 1924, initialed JEH:LMR concerning request for the resignation of the above named Special Agent David S. Lande of this office.

I have nothing to add further as to the ability or efficiency of this agent at this time other than what I have in my judgment reported heretofore.

I am positive that there has been no injustice done to Agent Lande. What I have stated, which it appears you explained to Congressman Chandler and Assistant Attorney General Holland as to the attitude of this agent is absolutely correct, as Congressman Chandler, I notice, admits.

I consider that it is needless for me to explain to you that I have nothing personal against Agent Lande or any other agent in this office or this bureau. I am simply endeavoring to impart to you to the best of my knowledge the exact facts in this and every other case. When I have any doubt in a matter of this kind in order to have my conscience clear I resolve the doubt in favor of the agent.

As far as I am personally concerned it makes no difference to me what agents are assigned to the New York office provided they are efficient and can do the work required. If Agent Lande is given another chance and will perform these duties and otherwise comply with the rules and regulations concerning temporary assignments elsewhere than New York, I have not the slightest objection to his being here. If you are at any time inclined to recommend his reinstatement under these circumstances it will be entirely satisfactory as far as I, as Special Agent in Charge, am concerned.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Edward J. Brennan

Special Agent in Charge."

EJB:DD

I am convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt in my own mind that I have not in any way, shape or manner either directly or indirectly taken any undue advantage of Mr. Lande and have expressed myself and handled the situation in his case absolutely impartially and free from animosity and, as far as nationality, religion or fraternal organizations are concerned, it is simply absolutely ridiculous to imagine that such a thing was ever in my mind.

Mr. Lande had a very good time in this office in comparison with almost any other agent working out of and attached to this office; I assigned him on Visa matters on account of his ability to speak the Hebrew language. The persons that he interviewed were called to this office and he interviewed them between 9 in the morning and 5 in the evening (he, Lande, did not even have to go out to locate and interview them or bring them in). There were several other agents of this office who are of the same nationality as is Mr. Lande, namely Special Agents Kissell, Goldman, Traub Davis and Eilperin who could perform these duties also but their efficiency ran beyond that of Mr. Lande and they could be and were used on all classes of investigations out of the New York office which Mr. Lande could not do.

Mr. Lande states, amongst other things:

"Many of the interviews were in the office and in the course of such interviews the mannerisms, dialects and appearances of the references came under the observation of Mr. Brennan. Unfortunately there are still people in this day of religious tolerance who have strong prejudice against anybody who is not of their faith. Mr. Brennan is one of them, etc."

This is so ridiculous that I really should not even refer to it or touch on it, however, it would probably be well to state here that these particular investigations - Visa matters, where a considerable number of Hebrews are interviewed have been conducted by this office for several years - quite a long time before Mr. Lande ever came into the service - are being conducted now and will be conducted undoubtedly in the future. They are being called to the office and interviewed and reported on by other agents than Mr. Lande, of course Hebrews at that, namely Messrs. Eilperin, Goldman and Kissel.

This thing grieves me very much indeed as I can say that I do not believe that there is another agent in this Bureau who really has in every way, shape and manner treated Special Agents with the utmost consideration more than I have regardless of whether they are negroes or white, Jews or Gentile, Knights of Columbus or Masons, Protestants, Hebrews or Catholics.

Some of the best agents in this service and office are Hebrews, namely Davis, Traub, Eilperin, Goldman and Kissel, and others who have been transferred, some temporarily and some permanently to other parts of the country. Is there an agent or special agent in charge or

other superior officer in this bureau could have paid a higher tribute to a departed agent than I did on the death of the late Special Agent Henry A. Spira who was a Jew. The fact of the matter is I never gave this a thought; if it had been Bradford, O'Leary or Antonio Caferata, it would have been all the same to me. I am satisfied that if Lande had made these charges to any of the above named Hebrew agents, outside the office, he would have been entertained in a physical combat.

You are right when you say that I am not a member of the Knights of Columbus; in fact I do not belong to any fraternal order and never did. Really the only thing I do belong to is the Farmers & Bankers Life Insurance Company, which company I have had my life insured. I am a Catholic; my wife is opposite to me in religion - a Protestant.

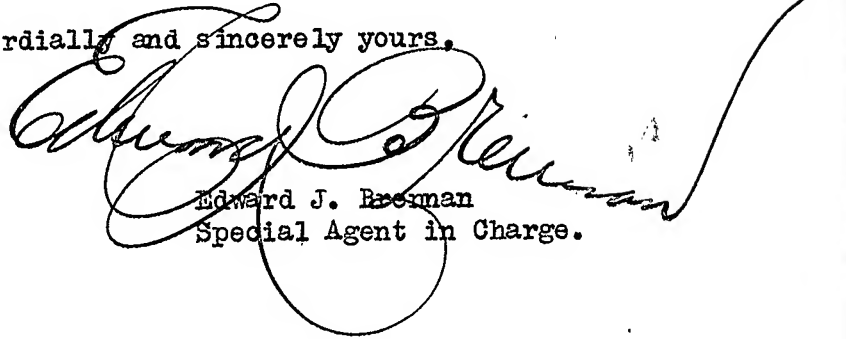
As far as the Masonic order is concerned, I have the highest regard for that noble order. Some of my relatives are Masons; all of my brothers-in-law are Masons; some of my very best, closest and most influential friends belong to the Masonic Order. In passing I might mention that on a number of investigations that I have been engaged upon investigating applicants or complaints against Special Agents, in cases where the subject of the investigation had been investigated by a committee of the Masonic Order and subsequently admitted as a member of that Order, this had great weight with me and there have been occasions where, when the morality of the subjects was concerned, admission to the Masonic Order was sufficient to convince me that subject was O.K. All my raises in compensation which I have received in the Bureau have been given to me by men, who as I understand, belong to this great and fine order. During my career in this bureau several years ago there were several very important confidential investigations upon which I was assigned by superiors who were unprejudiced and impartial, due to my independent, unbiased attitude concerning religion and fraternal organizations.

This does not annoy me so much except in so far as it grieves me to have anything like this on record after my many many years of service in this Bureau, fifteen of which have been spent in charge of offices and directing men of all nationalities and creeds. It is the first time in my life that any such charge has been made.

I cannot find words to express to you and Assistant Attorney General Holland my sincere appreciation of your attitude and prompt and immediate reply to Congressman Chandler concerning Mr. Lande's letter and your very just expression of my attitude and your implicit

confidence in me regarding the conduct of affairs here touching on religion and fraternal orders, and I want you to know that I appreciate this very much and you'll will never have the slightest reason to regret your stand taken in my behalf.

Gordially and sincerely yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Edward J. Baerman". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Edward J. Baerman
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:ad

FLP:GBD.

September 2, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of the 28th ult., requesting that you be sent a supply of application blanks for positions as Special Agent, and also for positions as Special Bank Accountant, there are being forwarded to you herewith the blanks requested and you are advised that the same blank is used for both positions.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

1 Enclosure, #33034.

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation.

Special Agent in Charge
Edward J. Brennan

NEW YORK

P.O. Box 241,
City Hall Sta.

August 28, 1924.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

ATTENTION MR. PARKER

67-515-4

Dear Sir:

I would thank you very much if you would kindly forward some blank applications for Position as Special Agent and also if entirely consistent about a half dozen applications for the position as Special Bank Accountants.

OK
JEP.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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JKH:JL

Personal and
~~Confidential~~

September 18, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Brennan, *(circled)*
Box 341, City Hall Station,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

After talking with you on the 'phone yesterday evening I was not quite clear in my mind if you had spent any money for the Attorney General in obtaining reservations for him on the train. The memorandum I referred to having received from you ~~concerning~~ certain Pullman accommodations and I turned these over to Mr. Martin. I am not certain if Mr. Martin understands that you are to be reimbursed for any amount expended and I am, therefore, writing to make this inquiry of you.

If you will advise me I will take it up with Mr. Martin who will see that the necessary check is drawn and sent to you.

Very truly yours.

Acting Director.

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JEM/LMR

September 22, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MARTIN.

I am attaching hereto a memorandum from Mr. Brennan covering transportation procured for the Attorney General on Saturday, August 30th, totalling \$21.64. Mr. Brennan has forwarded this to me in order that I may pass it on to you so that he might obtain the necessary reimbursement.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

Encl. 32960.

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67-515-6

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Sept. 20, 1924.

PERSONAL

My dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to our telephone conversation on Wednesday evening, and your letter of the 18th re transportation that I procured for the Attorney General and paid in cash amounting to \$21.64, I am transmitting you herewith a memorandum which you can pass on to Mr. Martin.

I have your letter of the 19th marked Personal and Confidential advising that Mrs. Margaret Ross and friends are sailing on the "S S Olympic" Sept. 24th due to arrive New York about Sept. 30th instead of the "S S Minnetonka"; I have made all the necessary arrangements and you may rest assured that Mrs. Ross and her friends will receive every possible courtesy that can be extended to her by attaches of this office.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

EJB:DD

E. J. Brennan

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Sept. 20, 1924.

Personal

Memorandum for Mr. Hoover

Transportation that I procured for the Attorney General
on Saturday, August 30th, was as follows:

1.) Rr ticket New York to Washington.....\$ 8.14

1 Pullman compartment New York to
2) Washington 13.50

TOTAL, . \$21.64

Brennan

EJB:DD

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Sept. 23, 1924.

RE: S.A.C. LETTER #396 - Legal Training

Memorandum for Director:

Replying to inquiry in SAC #396, Sept. 19, 1924, beg to state as follows:

1. I am not a Member of the Bar in any State.
 2. No.
 3. No.
 4. No.
- 67-515-7

N.B.

In 1894 I was appointed an Office Deputy U.S. Marshal at St. Louis, Mo. and resigned in 1903, spending about 9 years and 10 months in that office. The U.S. Marshal's office was next door to the U.S. Attorney's office in the federal building and the law library on the same floor to which I had daily access. I took advantage of the opportunity and read criminal law and a great deal of the courts decisions throughout the country effecting violations of the federal laws. In 1907 and up until June 30, 1908, when I was attached to the U.S. Secret Service, Treasury Dept., I was assigned to the Department of Justice and, on July 1, 1908, was transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice.

During the time that I was in the U.S. Marshal's office (Dept. of Justice) 10 years, and ever since 1907 (when I was directly attached to the Investigating Branch of the Dept. of Justice) I have been engaged on the most important criminal investigations handled by the Dept. and have directly assisted U.S. Attorneys and Asst. Attorney Generals in the preparation and trials of some of the most important criminal cases tried in any federal court.

During this period I have read and studied almost all the text books on criminal evidence and can conscientiously state that I have read a great many court decisions on criminal cases in the U.S. Courts. Have also had the practical experience in and out of court rooms with the U.S. Attys in the preparations and trials of criminal cases. In one very important and celebrated case in particular I assisted very materially the U.S. Attys in assembling and preparing the evidence and assisted them daily in court from Oct. 1st until Dec. 30, 1912, when the government produced 499 witnesses and they appeared and testified from the witness stand; in this case I personally interviewed some 700 witnesses; court was held every day except Sunday including Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

OCT 3 - 1924 Most all my experience has been investigating violations of the federal laws.

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Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Brennan

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Sept. 20, 1924.

Personal and ~~Confidential~~

Original 67-0

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reg to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of
Sept. 15, 1924, initialed JEM:LMR marked Personal and
Confidential, requesting my views as to placing the en-
tire Bureau under the Civil Service.

For many many years or during my service with the Government
I was very much opposed to Civil Service for, as I thought, many
good reasons, the most important one being that I always did
consider that the government should function as any private
large corporation conducted on strict lines of efficiency, and
that the person responsible for the administration of the depart-
ments or bureaus should be free to hire and fire employees, of
course basing his actions on the efficiency of the employees.

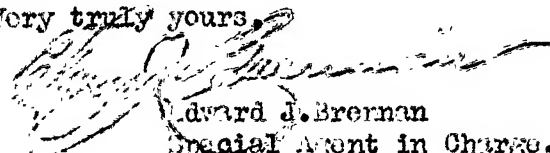
I have struggled through these years in the government
service under different administrations and have always held
this view until about four or five years ago when I commenced to
change. I understood that almost all of the bureaus in the
Government service are under the civil service rules and for
this reason this Bureau has been somewhat imposed upon in that
when applications are made to other bureaus the applicant is
advised that their Bureau is under civil service and he would
have to take a civil service examination and the applicant is
advised to go to the Bureau of Investigation, Department of
Justice which Bureau is not under the civil service, and he
would not have to take any examination. I will not go into
detail on this because you know more about this angle of it
in one minute than anyone in the department or Bureau.

For the last four or five years I have occasionally considered this matter. I find that almost all the municipal offices of the large cities of the United States, more particularly the City of Greater New York, is under civil service. I was really surprised here in New York when I looked into this situation and found it to be correct - that a great many, or almost all of the different branches of the municipal office are under civil service; I understand that most of the employes with the exceptions of the heads of the departments are under civil service now, down to the street sweepers.

From this I assume that the cities made a thorough investigation and had the matter under careful consideration before enacting appropriate laws putting their employes in civil service.

As heretofore stated, after careful consideration, I can conscientiously say that it is my honest opinion that placing the Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice under the civil service laws, rules and regulations, would be better for the individual, the Department and much better for the people. There would be an air of security to the position warranting greater effort and efficiency on the part of the employe and it would be an incentive to the employe to stay in the service of the bureau for if he were satisfied that he had the ability and efficiency he would not have to fear any change of administration or any political influence that would cause him to be demoted in order to make way for political appointees, as he would know that he is protected under the law - Classification Civil Service.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

HB:MWB

January 14, 1925.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter increasing the salary of E. J. Brennan, Special Agent in Charge, New York City office, Bureau of Investigation, from \$5000 per annum, GAF-11 to \$5200 per annum, GAF-12, payable from the appropriation for "Detection & Prosecution of Crimes".

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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JMH: LMM

December 24, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 19th instant, setting forth the results of your inspection of the Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Detroit offices.

It is indeed very gratifying to know that these important offices of the service are in excellent condition. I want to take this opportunity to express to you my appreciation of your kindness in going over these offices in detail and in seeing that they are up to the standard which has been set.

Very truly yours,

Director.

with letter of 19th
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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Jan. 31, 1925.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention #5

I am transmitting you herewith oath of office
duly executed today, in compliance with letter from
the Honorable Attorney General, copy of which is
hereto attached.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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J H:J

January 30, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

It is with pleasure that I enclose
the letter of the Attorney General advising you
of your increase in salary from \$5000 to \$5200
per annum, effective February 1, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 39615.

*Change in grade from Co Y 11 to
Co Y 12*

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION

January 31, 1925.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

It is certainly very pleasing to me to receive your letter of January 30th 1925, enclosing a letter from the Honorable Attorney General advising of placing me in Grade CAF 12, increasing my compensation from \$5000. to \$5200. per annum, and I desire to express to you my appreciation and sincere thanks.

I assure you that there will be no one in this Bureau who will endeavor every way possible more than I, with all the energy, ability and loyalty that I possess, to make your administration successful in every respect.

With kind personal regards, I am, as ever,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. D. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

I want to take this occasion to express to you and the Agents of the New York office, who rendered services in the recent trial of the case United States vs. Means and Felder, my commendation of the faithful conscientious application to duty evidenced by these employees.

The resultant conclusion for the Government in this case, I feel, was largely due to the work of our Bureau and of the men who have been assigned upon the case, and Mr. Hiram C. Todd, who so ably prosecuted this case to its conclusion, has personally expressed to me his appreciation of the assistance and cooperation rendered.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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January 21, 1925.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,

Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Investigation,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your salary is hereby increased from \$5,000 per annum in Grade CAF-11 to \$5,200 per annum in Grade CAF-12, effective February 1, 1925, and payable from the same appropriation.

You should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) EDWARD T. STONE

Attorney General.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Feb. 6, 1925.

TELEPHONE BARCLAY 8160
POST OFFICE BOX 241
CITY HALL STATION



U. S. VS. GASTON B. MEANS & FELDER

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 5, 1925, expressing your appreciation of the efficient and faithful work performed by the agents of this office who were assigned to the above entitled case.

I will read this letter, as I do all communications of this character from you, to the regular Tuesday morning meeting of the agents of the New York office, next Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1925.

On this occasion it might be well to mention that it is significant that very recently and within the last ten days the Department has been very successful in the prosecution of some very extraordinary cases, several right here in New York in addition to the Means & Felder case and also out in Chicago - the Forbes case. A great amount of evidence in all these cases was secured by attaches of this Bureau who assisted the government attorneys very materially in preparing and presenting the cases at the trials.

In passing I might also mention that the Marcus Garvey case was recently affirmed in the U.S. Court of Appeals in this district and, at the request of the U.S. Attorneys office here we were asked to locate this subject immediately and get him into custody. We succeeded last night in locating him and taking him into custody in a New York Central railroad train entering New York at 6:30 p.m. from the west, at 125th St., and he is now confined in the Tombs New York City awaiting further disposition.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,⁰
P. O. Box 241,
New York City. x

67-515-16

Dear Sir:

I wish to compliment you and your Agents in
the speedy apprehension of Marcus Garvey.

Kindly convey my congratulations to them at your
next regular Tuesday morning meeting.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Feb. 9, 1925.

Re: Newly Appointed Agents.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 5, 1925, marked Personal and Confidential regarding former Special Agent Posner and advising of the episode at the Chicago office.

I go into much detail with the newly appointed agents in instructing them on the law of arrest and it is under this subject that I take up the subject of carrying fire arms. I instructed all newly appointed agents coming to this office, in the past, in spite of S.A.C. #220 that agents of the Department had no authority to carry revolvers or other fire arms and that if they did, they did so at their peril. It was not until receipt of S.A.C. #443 and 456 that I instructed all agents here in the office, and newly appointed agents that they had the authority provided they were engaged absolutely on official business, to carry fire arms. I remember very distinctly of reading these S.A.C. letters to this last class of which Posner was a member and of calling to their attention not to carry revolvers promiscuously or handle them in the office or, in fact, not to carry revolvers unless it was absolutely necessary in going to assist in an arrest or something like that.

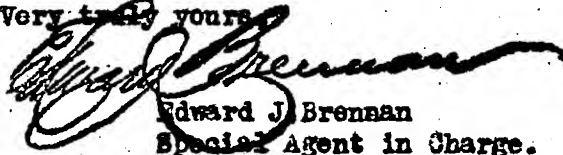
For your information I am attaching you herewith my comment on this agent who was here just two weeks.

In passing I desire to state that it is my opinion that the class of newly appointed agents that went through here with Posner, was one of the most intelligent that I have yet had in the school of training; Posner of course did not class with any of them and, as stated in my report on him I considered him good only in so far as he knew foreign languages.

Judging from what I have heard of Posner since he left here, he certainly was on his toes and metal while attending the school of instructions here in New York.

You may rest assured that your instructions will be carried out to the letter and I will explain to newly appointed agents as to the handling and carrying of fire arms.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

April 14, 1925.

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URGENT

Brennan,

Park Row Building,

New York, N.Y.

Authority granted for conference Washington April fifteenth. One.

HOOVER.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 13, 1925.

Personal and
~~Confidential~~

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Referring to our confidential conversation over the long distance telephone this morning, on account of being so extraordinarily busy and not being able to get in touch today or up to this writing with persons directly interested, ~~my wife and son here~~ I really have not had an opportunity to consider the matter as I think it should be considered in fairness to you, them and myself. On account of this, together with other very important personal business to myself, particularly the lease of my apartment which, I have no idea at this time whether or not can be arranged and adjusted, I am really in a quandry.

I am extremely anxious to endeavor every way possible to satisfy you and will make sacrifices, but I would feel more comfortable if I could have a personal interview with you on this subject and, if entirely consistent, will ask that I may run down to Washington tomorrow, Tuesday night, for a personal conference with you on Wednesday morning returning here Wednesday afternoon.

I have several, I think, interesting things to take up with you aside from this very important subject.

Immediately upon receipt of this letter please wire me.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

EJB:DD

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JEH:IMM

April 27, 1925.

Mr. E.J. Brennan, ^U
P.O. Box 241, City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I want to take this occasion to express to you my commendation of the excellent manner in which you and your office handled the recent requests which have been made of you to obtain information for use in the Wheeler trial at Montana. I can appreciate that the requests which were sent to you were difficult to comply with, particularly in view of the fact that time was of the essence. The manner in which you handled these requests has been a credit to the Bureau and a great pleasure to me personally. I have had occasion to call the matter to the attention of Assistant to the Attorney General Donovan, who has also expressed his pleasure at the manner in which these matters have been handled by your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 6, 1925.

67-575-22

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this communication to you as a strictly personal and confidential communication in that I want to bring to your personal attention certain conditions existing in the Bureau in the past and which I do not intend shall continue in the future. The writing of this letter to you relative to the matters I am going to discuss does not mean that I am inclined to the view that such conditions necessarily exist in your office, but I am taking the occasion to call to the personal attention of each Agent in Charge certain conditions which have not worked for the best interests of the Bureau and which I am determined shall be corrected.

I have through the Inspectors of the Bureau, endeavored to bring to the attention of the field offices the fact that I am strongly opposed to any employee of this Bureau indulging in the use of intoxicants to any degree or extent. I have indicated that any employees whom I find violating the rule of the Bureau relative to the use of liquor will be disciplined severely. I do know that some years past the forces of the Bureau of Investigation did not enjoy the best reputation, insofar as the element of sobriety was concerned, and in various sections of the country Agents of this Bureau were frequently referred to in disparaging terms because of their lack of soberness. I have been endeavoring to raise the tone of the Bureau of Investigation during the past year and I am strongly of the opinion that the only way whereby we can again gain public respect and support is through proper conduct upon our part. I have caused the removal from the service of a considerable number of employees who have not been able to attain the standard of efficiency which has been set. Some have been lacking in educational qualifications and others have been lacking in moral stamina. I do believe that there has been a certain amount of improvement in the general personnel of the Bureau but a situation recently developed which brings to my mind very sharply the fact that there is still room for improvement.

A week ago I received information relative to conditions existing in one of the field offices of this Bureau wherein employees of that office were indulging in the use of intoxicants. To be sure, this intoxication did not occur in the Bureau office but it occurred after office hours at the home

of an Agent, and the Agent in Charge was present. On this occasion some of the employees of the Bureau reached various degrees of intoxication. I could not at first believe that such a condition could exist in view of the repeated statements which I had made relative to these matters, and it was very difficult to believe that an Agent in Charge would be so indifferent to the responsibilities of his office as to countenance such conduct. I at once directed an Inspector of the Bureau to investigate the situation and he corroborated in detail the information which had been given to me. I have accordingly, dismissed the Agent in Charge and the other employees guilty of this misconduct.

Now I, of course, appreciate the fact that the removal of these employees does not mean that all use of intoxicants by the employees of this Bureau will stop but I am determined to summarily dismiss from this Bureau any employee whom I find indulging in the use of intoxicants to any degree or extent upon any occasion. This, I can appreciate, is a very drastic attitude and I shall probably be looked upon by some elements as a fanatic. I am not, however, one of those who may be classed as a "white ribbon" advocate, but I do believe that when a man becomes a part of this Bureau he must so conduct himself, both officially and unofficially, as to eliminate the slightest possibility of criticism as to his conduct or actions. One cannot, therefore, safely indulge in the use of intoxicants even outside of office hours without the possibility of opening himself to criticism and attack, and for that reason I, myself, am refraining from the use of intoxicants to any degree or extent and I am not, therefore, expecting any more of the field employees than I am of myself.

I, of course, know that I cannot effectively meet the situation unless I have the whole hearted support of each and every Agent in Charge of this Bureau, for unless an Agent in Charge sets the proper example for his subordinates we cannot expect the subordinate Agents to observe the rule. I, therefore, am writing you to request that you aid me in this matter in setting a proper example for the rest of the service.

Our Agents are so frequently brought in contact with individuals of fanatical attitude relative to prohibition that any employee who indulges in the use of intoxicants is very apt to be referred to in language of a derogatory character, even though such employee may not be intoxicated. For that reason I believe that the employees of this Bureau should refrain from the use of intoxicants at all times and on all occasions. This Bureau cannot afford to have a public scandal visited upon it in view of the all too numerous attacks made upon the Bureau of Investigation during the past few years. I do not want this Bureau to be referred to in terms I have frequently heard used against other governmental agencies and it is for that reason that I am taking this somewhat rigid attitude towards the use of liquor. I do want to have the Bureau of Investigation an organization that will have the whole hearted support and respect of all law abiding citizens and I know that you have as much at heart the interest and welfare of this Bureau as I have and will, therefore, give me the necessary support that I must have in enforcing this rule.

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So much for your personal attitude and conduct. I want you, in addition, to give more careful attention to the conduct of the employees attached to your office. I know that we may very frequently emphasize to the subordinate employees the rules and regulations of the service, but some of these employees do not take seriously enough the statements of such rules and regulations, and it is therefore, necessary, in my estimation, for the Agents in Charge at frequent intervals to check up the conduct and activities of the employees attached to their office. This applies to not only the employees immediately attached to your office, but to the representatives of this Bureau engaged on special assignments, anti-trust work and bank accountancy who come into your district from time to time. In order that there may be a rigid observance of this rule, I intend to dismiss from the service any employee whom I find guilty of violation of the rule and I shall demote any Agent in Charge in whose district such misconduct takes place if such Agent in Charge has not discovered the matter himself and reported it to me. In other words, if I learn of any misconduct upon the part of any employee of this Bureau from anyone other than the Agent in Charge in the district in which such misconduct takes place, I shall demote the Agent in Charge of that district because it is an indication that he is not fully performing the duties of his office in that he, himself, did not ascertain the existence of such misconduct.

I fully realize that some of the employees of the Bureau will not look with any too great a degree of pleasure or acquiescence upon these rules, but it is a matter of indifference to me whether these rules meet with the approval of the individual. What I am trying to do is to protect the force of the Bureau of Investigation from outside criticism and from bringing the Bureau of Investigation into disrepute because of isolated circumstances of misconduct upon the part of employees who are too strongly addicted to their own personal desires and tastes to properly keep in mind at all times and upon all occasions the honor and integrity of the service of which they are a part.

Therefore, effective immediately, I want you to give very close attention to the conduct and activities of all employees of this Bureau now in your district and who come within your district from time to time, as I shall hold you personally accountable for any misconduct of any character or degree. You should promptly report to me any conduct that may arise that in any way indicates a failure upon the part of the employees of this Bureau to observe these rules, and if, at any time, you desire assistance or outside Agents to ascertain whether or not certain conditions are existing, you should promptly communicate with me and I will give you the necessary assistance.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Agent in Charge EDWARD J. BRENNAN has been in the service a number of years, formerly having been Agent in Charge at St. Louis, later having charge of the Chicago office, and for the past four years Agent in Charge of the New York office. He has had a great deal of experience in this work and I believe him to be fairly efficient and a capable investigator. I, personally, think very highly of Mr. Brennan, but do not approve of some of his methods. I think that he is somewhat inclined to use police methods in dealing with the Agents under him, and on some occasions he does not select the choicest of language in expressing his views. This kind of treatment has a tendency to cause the men to fear him, and I am of the impression that he is disliked by the majority of Agents in his office.

From report 4-18-25 "Inspection of the N.Y.C. Office"
by Inspector M.F. Blackman

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418 Federal Bldg.,
Buffalo, New York.

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May 1, 1925.

Mr. J.E. Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Replying to your letter of April 25, 1925, concerning inspection report of the New York office, you suggest that further details be given relative to certain comments made in report.

With reference to comment concerning favoritism being shown by the Agent in Charge, - this first came to my attention sometime last summer on one of my inspection trips, in a comment made by some Agent who was either at that time on special assignment or who had formerly been connected with the New York office. At that time I paid very little attention to the matter, and in fact do not even know the name of the Agent who gave me this information. Later on, in a confidential conversation with Agent Allegra, who was on special assignment in Buffalo, relative to conditions in the New York office, he stated in substance just what I stated in my report. It might have been possible while in New York to have questioned other Agents closely relative to conditions of this kind, and to have received information which would have substantiated the statements made by Agent Allegra, but I have always deemed such a course unwise in making an inspection of an office, as the Inspector would soon be placed in the position of being called a "U-Boat", or possibly using unethical methods of obtaining information.

I am inclined to believe the statement of Agent Allegra, although at this moment I do not recall the name of the Agent who was criticized by the Agent in Charge, and I feel that it would be unfair to Agent Allegra to have him brought into this matter in view of the fact that our conversation was more or less of a confidential nature.

Agent Fay did appear to me to be a man of average ability, but perhaps my use of the word "experience" was an unfortunate way of expressing my meaning. What I did mean was this: That he seemed to

have a fairly good personality and undoubtedly has ability, but the impression which he made upon me was that he had an exaggerated idea of his own ability, and that possibly field service away from New York, under some good efficient Agent in Charge would be helpful to him.

Agent Felix Quigley is referred to in my report as being of very ordinary ability. This man's personal appearance and his conversation indicated that he was of very ordinary ability, capable of handling only the less important cases which come to the Bureau. This Agent is engaged on White Slave cases exclusively, and I am informed by the Agent in Charge that he is doing very good work. Of course I realize that in the Bureau, there is need for many different types of men.

With reference to Agent Navarro: During my conversation with this Agent, he impressed me as having an attitude that is oftentimes found in Agents who are connected with the New York office for a long period of time; that is, they seem to think that they have just a little more ability than the other fellow. This Agent disclaimed any desire to criticize the Director, but stated he thought that to transfer him away would be unfair, and that if he were to be transferred permanently, he would have to resign. He appeared to me to be a capable Agent.

Yours very truly,

H. B. Blackmon
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

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May 6th 1925.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6th 1925, outlining in detail your views and giving specific instructions concerning employes of this Bureau indulging in the drinking of intoxicating liquors.

I have read your letter several times and have analyzed it and am positive that I understand thoroughly your attitude on this particular matter. While I have always known your attitude with reference to employes drinking intoxicating liquor, I am glad to see you on record in your S.A.C. Letter #526 and your confidential letter of May 6, 1925.

As to myself, I can honestly and conscientiously say to the world that I have been an absolute teetotaler for 22 years; that I am really prejudiced against intoxicating liquor of any description. I have never had any use for any person who indulged in the drinking of intoxicating liquor to excess and, since the enactment of the National Prohibition Act I would much rather not have anybody around me who even takes a drink.

I have time and time again on many occasions and at every opportunity called to the attention of the agents and employes of this office our attitude in this respect, - that the indulgence in intoxicating liquors will not be tolerated.

I am today addressing to each and every employe and other attache of this office a personal letter asking them whether or not they in any way indulge in the use of intoxicants. After I receive their replies I am going to mail you copies of their answers. In the

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event that anyone answers that he does, I am going to request you to transfer him out of this district. After I receive all the answers, which will take several days, I am going to address them a letter, going on record, and saying that at any time that I learn, or that my attention is called to the fact that they are using intoxicants in any degree or extent upon any occasion, I am going to report them to the Director of the Bureau and recommend that they be summarily dismissed from the Service.

While I do not anticipate any serious difficulty in carrying out your instructions, as the personnel of this office has, I think, been thoroughly educated on this subject, however, I am sure that you appreciate that this district, on account of various employees, agents on special assignments, anti trust agents and accountants etc. not immediately attached to this office coming through - some reporting over the phone whom I do not even have a chance to see, if there is an infraction of these rules it will be more difficult to check up than in any district throughout the country.

You certainly have my whole hearted, earnest and sincere support in enforcing this rule of the Bureau, as it's welfare and interest are very close to my heart. I will do everything in my power to see to it that this district is kept up to the highest standard - first by setting proper example, and secondly by emphasizing at every opportunity the rules and regulations in this respect, and at frequent intervals checking up the conduct and activities of employees in this district.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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JRH:LAG

May 12, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a communication which I have received from the Agent in Charge of our New York office relative to the recent circular issued by the Bureau pertaining to the use of intoxicants by its employees.

I thought that you would be particularly interested in the attitude of the Agent in Charge of our New York office, which, incidentally, is the largest office in the service and which has attached to it a training school for all new appointees.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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July 7, 1925.

Mr. E.J. Brennan
P.O. Box 20, Wall Street Station,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 1st instant, transmitting the report of Special Agent Conroy dated June 30th covering the investigation into alleged corruption in Shipping Board circles in New York.

I note the statement contained in your letter relative to the work performed by Agents Starr and Conroy and appreciate very much the nature of the work performed by these Agents, as well as the usually capable supervisory work performed by you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 23, 1925.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 485,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Brennan:-

I am in receipt of your communication of December 18th, tendering your resignation as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, to take effect at the close of business Thursday, December 31st.

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Your letter, as you know, has caused me considerable pain. I cannot sever the long pleasurable official connection that has existed between us without testifying to my extreme regret at your decision as well as my very best wishes for your happiness. Your success I am assured of as I know the energy and intelligence that you bring to bear upon any work with which you are concerned. I shall always recall your ardent spirit of cooperation, loyalty and efficiency.

I am designating Mr. Blackmon, now Agent in Charge at Buffalo, to the position of Agent in Charge of the Chicago office commencing January 1st, 1926.

I shall expect to hear from you from time to time and you may rest assured I am willing and desire to assist you in any way.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

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JACKSON BLVD & CLARK ST.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Tel. Harrison 5448.
Post Office Box 455

December 18, 1925.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hereby tender you my resignation as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, to take effect at the close of business Thursday, December 31, 1925.

On this occasion I wish to extend to you my very best wishes for your success and happiness, and assure you that I will always have the welfare of this Bureau at heart and will always be ready to cooperate with you and the Bureau for its success. One of the greatest pleasures of my life will be to cherish the memories of this service and the many excellent and loyal men whom I have had the pleasure of associating with in the service who have devoted the best years of their lives to unselfish performance of duty and have been so loyal and true.

I am going to take a rest, after which I intend to associate myself in business.

With kind personal regards and with the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent

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December 24, 1925.

Mr. M. F. Blackmon,
P.O. Box 906,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blackmon:

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Mr. Brennan has forwarded his formal resignation to take effect at the end of this month and I wish that you would, therefore, make arrangements to proceed to Chicago and report there on the first day of the year so as to relieve Mr. Brennan of his duties. I have not as yet definitely decided upon the man to be named as Acting Agent in Charge at Buffalo. Acting Agent in Charge Kitchen of the Kansas City office is due to arrive in Washington next Monday for conference with me and if, after talking with him, I decide that he is qualified to run the Buffalo office for the time being, I will then direct him to proceed to Buffalo immediately and report to you for conference and the necessary advice. Mr. Kitchen is one of the new men in the service. He has done remarkably good work at Kansas City and though I have never seen him personally, he has made a favorable impression upon us here at Washington. As I expect him to be here next Monday he will be able to be at Buffalo on the 29th so that you will be able to talk with him. However, should he be unavoidably delayed you may leave an Acting Agent in Charge at Buffalo until Mr. Kitchen does arrive as I want you at Chicago in order not to have any lapse in the office of Agent in Charge at that station.

I have written to Mr. Brennan, advising him of the fact that you will be there on January 1st and requesting him to go over with you personally the details of the Durkin matter, which is the most important case at Chicago at the present time. Agent Dyer has returned to Chicago and is looking after the details of the matter there. You will, of course, be charged with the responsibility of the supervision of this investigation and if you do not need Agent Dyer at Chicago I wish that you would kindly advise me. On the other hand, however, I want you to understand that I will give you every assistance necessary in bringing about the apprehension of Durkin.

Very truly yours,

Director.

FOR ATTENTION OR ACTION
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... Director.....
... Mr. Baughman.....Rm. 418
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 12, 1925.

DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

DIVISION FIVE

Reference is made to S.A.C. Letter No. 401, relative to maintaining a record of the costs of investigations of RADICAL, JAPANESE, MEXICAN and INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE Matters, to be included in the Monthly Report.

I find that before my taking charge here no attempt had been made in the New York Office toward securing this information; therefore, the following figures, handed me today by Special Agent STARR, of this Office, represent the result of the first effort in this connection, and are submitted for your statistical record.

RADICAL MATTERS: Period, -Sept. 16 to 30th, incl., 1925.

	Salary -----	\$75.00	
	Salary -----	75.00	
	Expenses -----	2.15	
STARR	Salary - 12 days -----	103.20	
			\$255.35

Period: Oct. 1 to 31, incl 1925.

	Salary -----	\$155.00	
	" -----	155.00	
	Expenses -----	4.05	
STARR	Salary - 10 days -----	86.00	
			400.05

MEXICAN ACTIVITIES: Period: Sept. 15 to Oct. 31, incl. 1925. 4.86
TOTAL ----- \$660.26.

Yours very truly,

ROY A. DARLING
Agent in Charge.

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This copy is to be placed in the personnel file
of E. J. Brennan

OFFICE OF
EDWARD J. BRENNAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Department of Justice,

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November 7, 1925.

DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

(This copy is to be placed in
the personnel file of E. J.
Brennan)

Dear Sir:

ATTENTION DIVISION FIVE

I am enclosing, herewith, MONTHLY FIELD REPORT, of the New York Office, for the period ending October 31, 1925, and have explained to the Director, in person, that this report cannot be balanced with that of the preceding month owing to the fact that heretofore the New York Office was not adhering strictly to the S.A.C. Letters governing administrative matters, and were considering as "CLOSED" all cases referred to the United States Attorney for consideration.

You will note we have CLOSED 125 Cases during the period just ended. This represents cases actually closed in accordance with S.A.C. letter stipulations.

The report has been delayed considerably owing to the fact that there was no record kept in this Office of Arrests, Recoveries or Interdepartmental Costs - except in a haphazard way - and additional time was taken to secure what we could along this line.

This report will necessarily have to act as our basic report from now on, but will have some small inaccuracies, and particularly as regards the number of "PENDING" cases, for the reason that almost daily I am finding Cases which have never been closed and which have passed into the discard. During the actual copying of this report I accumulated a total of eleven cases of which we had no record, which were actually pending and which will have to be included in next Month's report but which are not shown in the report for this period.

Henceforth, Interdepartmental Charges will be carried on every report, whether continued or otherwise, so that our records may be complete.

Yours very truly,

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ROY A. DARLING
Agent in Charge.

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December 30th, 1925.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,⁰
P.O. Box 488,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant,
in which you tender your resignation as Special Agent, Bureau
of Investigation, Department of Justice, to take effect at the
close of business December 31st, 1925, and same is hereby ac-
cepted as tendered.

Very truly yours,

Wm. F. Quinn Tamm
Attorney General.

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P. O. BOX 455,
CHICAGO, ILL.

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January 5, 1925.

DIRECTOR:
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

ATTENTION DIVISION #1 -

E. J. I am enclosing herewith clippings taken from the
Chicago newspapers relative to the resignation of Agent in Charge
Brennan which undoubtedly will interest you.

Very truly yours,

M. F. Blackmon
M. F. BLACKMON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Escape of Durkin Causes a Shake-Up

Chicago, Jan. 2 (By A. P.).—
Edward J. Brennan, for 27 years
an agent of the Department of Jus-
tice and for the last seven years
chief of the bureau of investigation
in Chicago, resigned today.

His sudden retirement was an-
nounced when M. J. Blackman,
head of the Buffalo, N. Y., office,
arrived here to succeed him. The
failure of Federal agents to appre-
hend Martin Durkin, fugitive slayer
of Agent Edward J. Shanahan, is
the cause of a rumored national
shake-up, Brennan's fellow-workers
say. Mr. Brennan won fame for his
work in the McNamara dynamiting
cases, the investigation of the sugar
trust and numerous narcotic cases.
He came to Chicago from St. Louis.

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November 25, 1925.

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Mr. E.J. Brennan,⁰
P.O. Box 455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

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I received your communication of the 23rd instant and it is needless for me to state that I was considerably shocked upon reading the same. I, too, had come to look upon you more or less as a "fixture" in the Bureau and as one to whom I could always turn for assistance in difficult situations and, consequently, upon receiving word that you proposed to leave the service, I realized immediately what a loss it would be, not only to the service but to me personally. However, I realize that a man must always look to the future and that each man must give proper attention to securing the proper share of life's material things, for such is his duty to his family and I do not blame you, therefore, for seeking a field in which you will be able to gain greater remuneration, though I doubt whether you can gain any greater respect and esteem than you have secured in the ranks of this Bureau.

I think that you can appreciate that I am moved with two emotions; the first, that of great regret and shock at your departure from the service of the Bureau which you have served so long and so faithfully; and the second, that of a certain amount of pleasure to learn that you will be able to obtain remuneration to a degree at least commensurate with your ability and faithfulness. Unfortunately, the government service does not adequately pay its employees for services rendered, and this is particularly true in the Bureau of Investigation, where so many excellent and loyal men have devoted the best years of their lives to unselfish performance of duty with no proper material reward. Of course, there is some satisfaction in one knowing that he is respected by his fellow-workers and you have just cause to know that there is an abundance of respect of this character, but self-preservation is the first law of nature and one cannot live merely upon the respect and admiration of his fellow men.

I have no doubt in my mind but that you will make a great success in the new field of your activities and indeed the company with which you will associate yourself should feel fortunate in securing the services of one so experienced in investigative work and so endowed with good judgment and common sense, as well as unimpeachable integrity and honor. However, should at any time in the future the "call" of the Bureau of Investigation be too great to resist, I want you to know that there is always a place in our ranks for you and should I be Director of the Bureau, I would welcome you back again as

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one of the chief supports in the operation of this Bureau.

I shall make arrangements to have the new Agent in Charge report to Chicago by the first of the year but, of course, shall not take any steps towards making formal announcement of this until you have advised me that you desire the same to be made. I want you to know that I appreciate your kindness in advising me so far in advance so that I may be able to make the proper arrangements to fill the office, which I had hoped I might not again have to be troubled with for some time to come as I felt that when you went to Chicago I could practically relieve my mind of all the worries that are incident to the operations of the Bureau in that district. I believe, however, that the man I will send to relieve you will be able, in a measure at least, to look after the situation as I desire it and I know that you will be able to be of much help and assistance to him in giving him the benefit of your observations and experience.

With expression of my best regards and highest esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.
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Tel. Harrison 5448
Post Office Box 455

November 23, 1925.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the past fifteen years I have had at least three very good offers or opportunities to better materially my condition in the way of a position, to accept any of which I would have had to detach myself from the Bureau and connect with a corporation.

I have been connected with the Department of Justice for about twenty-seven years (1894 to 1903, Deputy U. S. Marshal), four years with the Criminal Investigation Branch of the St. Louis Police Department, about two years U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department (transferred from Secret Service to Bureau July 1, 1908), making thirty-two or thirty-three years' experience in my profession.

I have always had confidence in my ability to handle any kind of an investigation in this Bureau, either directing it or actually performing the service myself. It has been my impression that the Department and Bureau, and you as Director, have at all times had implicit confidence in me as to ability, loyalty, dependability and efficiency.

Because of my experience, my work has been so familiar to me that really it has been, most of the time, simple and a pleasure. I have always felt comfortable and that I had a life-time job in this Bureau just as long as I continued to be efficient and attended to business.

It has been for these reasons that I have never looked for a more lucrative position anywhere and have passed

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up opportunities, not even looking into them by way of investigation or giving them the slightest consideration. However, I have very recently concluded that some time ago I reached the highest position in this Bureau; that I may never expect to get any further, and that my present salary is the limit for me in this Bureau.

Within the past two weeks I have had put up to me a very good proposition, a position with one of the largest and strongest corporations of its kind in this or any other country, with a compensation much in excess of my present salary and good prospects in the future. I have weighed and considered very carefully the proposition from every angle, particularly my age (as I have to get mine in the next ten years); have concluded that it is more than likely that I would make good and be successful in the venture, and have, therefore, made tentative arrangements to accept and go with them on the first of the year.

It is my desire to aid and assist you in every way, shape and manner here (and elsewhere, for that matter), and it is for this reason I have put it off until the first of the year, so that you would have ample time to work out your plans and make necessary arrangements. I have been requested by the President of the Company not to make it public for the time being and for some time to come, extending into next year, because he has some preliminary arrangements to make and has some confidential work to be done, and it is for this reason I am unable to mention the name of the concern at this time.

Thanking you for past courtesies and considerations, extending to you my very best wishes for your success and happiness, assuring you of my heartiest cooperation, as well as the Bureau, with which I have spent almost half of my life, I beg to remain as ever and always,

Cordially and Sincerely yours,



Special Agent-in-Charge.

SLAYER'S FREEDOM BRINGS A SHAKEUP

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Martin J. Durkin, Chicago's arch criminal, is believed indirectly responsible for the



Martin J.
Durkin

Edward J.
Brennan

Arch criminal and ousted federal chief.

removal of Edward J. Brennan as head of the federal bureau of investigation here, it was said today. In complaints said to have reached Washington, D. C., Brennan was charged with having waited a week before checking on a tip regarding the whereabouts of Durkin. Durkin is being sought on charges of murdering a government agent and a policeman.

He fought his own battle for success and won. Read "When Dreams Come True," today's story from real life, complete on page 10.

N.Y. Daily News

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Brennan Out of Sleuth Job; Blame Durkin

Edward J. Brennan, head of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, in Chicago was suddenly replaced yesterday.

No reason for the change was given out. Federal building gossip had it, however, that the passing of the chief of Chicago federal sleuths was connected with his failure to capture Martin J. Durkin, who shot and killed Edward Shanahan, a federal operative, last October.

First word of the change came when M. J. Blackmon, for eleven years in charge at Buffalo, appeared yesterday morning at Brennan's desk and informed attaches of the office that he was their new boss. Before departing for New York to visit his mother on New Year's day, Brennan told friends he would be back on the job the first of the week ready to live up to his one big resolution—to catch Durkin.

Slow Durkin Chase Rolls U. S.

It has been known, however, that for several weeks high officials at Washington have been impatient over the delay in apprehending Durkin. Brennan's failure to act speedily on a tip furnished six weeks ago by Chief of Police Svoboda of Cicero was held by many critics to have been a bad blunder.

Chief Svoboda, it is said, advised Brennan that Durkin had been treated a year ago by Dr. David V. Omons, a west side physician, and suggested that he might again seek treatment in case he was wounded, as suspected, in his brush with the police in the Englewood flat of Lloyd Austin, when Austin and Police Sergeant H. L. Gray were killed.

Ignored Tip for Week, Claim.

Brennan, according to reports which reached Washington, waited a week before checking up on the tip—to learn when it was too late that Dr. Omons had removed a bullet from Durkin's lung.

Brennan's investigations were at times attended by a high state of excitement. On one occasion during his direction of the Durkin hunt from his office in the federal building, Brennan ordered Filipino guards to eject newspaper reporters, it was said. Upon their failure to carry out the orders, it was reported, Brennan called a patrol wagon, ~~which~~ manned, to bring about his purpose.

CHIEF QUILTS U. S. SECRET SERVICE JOB

E. J. Brennan Replaced by M. F. Blackman; Hint Durkin Case Was Cause of Action

Edward J. Brennan, for twenty-seven years an agent of the Department of Justice and for seven years in charge of the bureau of investigation in Chicago, left the service yesterday, surrendering his office to M. F. Blackman, formerly bureau chief at Buffalo.

Mr. Brennan's sudden retirement was announced quietly as a simple resignation, but fellow workers attributed it to difficulties following the shooting of Edward J. Shanahan, Department of Justice agent, by Martin Durkin.

Dan Dwyer was hurried to Chicago from the East to lead the hunt for Durkin, but following reports of disagreement between Dwyer and Brennan, he was removed and Fred Blake was sent to replace him.

Reports of friction persisted and it was understood Brennan was being criticized in connection with Durkin's escape.

Brennan came to Chicago from St. Louis, where he was head of the Department of Justice bureau. Prior to his service in Missouri he was in the New York office.

He made no announcement as to his plans for the future.



Edward J. Brennan, Department of Justice agent, by Martin Durkin.

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BRENNAN IS FORCED OUT

Was Chief of Investigation Bureau of Justice Department.

Scores of Others to Go for Failure to Catch Martin Durkin.

Edward J. Brennan, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice in Chicago, resigned today in one phase of a reported country-wide shakeup of the bureau said to have been occasioned by its failure to catch Martin Durkin.

Mr. Brennan, who had been chief in Chicago since 1919, except two years' service in New York, had been replaced before news of his resignation reached outside his office in the federal building. M. N. Blackmon has been transferred here from Buffalo to take the post. Mr. Brennan could not be reached to get his explanation.

May Affect Many Scores.

The trouble-making Durkin is said to be the cause of a personnel reorganization that will affect a hundred bureau of investigation agents, including some chiefs, in all parts of the country. An hour after he killed Agent Edward Shanahan on the south side of Chicago two months ago, every agent in the United States was ordered to join the search for him.

Agents in Chicago co-operated with the police and are supposed to have been held responsible for letting Durkin ally back into town and upset an ambush, killing a policeman and a citizen in that escapade.

Washington Grows Restless.

Since then Durkin has vanished and the administration of the bureau of investigation at Washington is said to have become so impatient that it has determined to make examples of agents who had been expected to make an effective man hunt.

Mr. Brennan, twenty-seven years in service, was one of the bureau's aces. He won fame for work on the McNamara dynamite cases, the sugar-trust investigation and numerous narcotics prosecutions.

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Shakeup a 'Wide-One'

"Mr. Brennan has resigned," Chief Blackmon announced as he assumed the post. "His resignation was effective Jan. 1."

The change in chiefs here revealed a big shakeup in the bureau throughout the country affecting 100 operatives and several bureau chiefs.

The latest report of Durkin's efforts to surrender came almost simultaneous with Mr. Blackmon's appearance.

Durkin Here Now

Reports said that Martin, who has been in Chicago for some time, is making overtures through an old-time pal with the state's attorney's office to pass under the protection of the law and the courts next Tuesday. Since the "shoot to kill-jake him dead" order of Chief Collins, Durkin has found life uncertain.

Reports are that Marty has a pile of money, that he has employed the best legal firm in Chicago to defend him, and that he asks an immediate arraignment through State's Attorney Crowe before Chief Justice Lynch of the Criminal court, as conditions of his surrender.

Anticipating his eventual capture, it is declared, Durkin is looking for the easiest way out of the jumble of crimes he has become involved in.

Report Nine Killed

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

File No. 32410

May 26, 1927.

U. S. Department of Justice,

Washington D. C.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

Mr. Edward J. Brennan, of 459 Peoples Gas. Bldg., Chicago, Ill. has applied to this Company for a position as Sub-Agent, and claims employment by you in the capacity of _____ at _____ from July 1908 to Dec. 1925 under _____.

It is important that we be informed as to the character of the applicant's service with you, and in order that we may take prompt action upon the application, we beg to request the favor of replies to the following questions at your earliest convenience. Any information furnished will be treated as confidential and without prejudice to you.

Yours very truly,

J. M. McGuire

Is applicant related to you? _____. How long have you known applicant? _____.

Is period of service as given correct? _____.

Why did applicant leave your service? _____.

Give names and addresses of any other employers of applicant known to you. _____.

Has applicant to your knowledge ever been dishonest? _____.

If so, please advise in what respect. _____.

Do you regard applicant as being careful and dependable? _____.

Do you consider applicant deserving of employment in a position of trust? _____.

If not, kindly advise what has occurred to give you the impression. _____.

Were applicant's habits good? _____.

Did applicant use liquor to excess at any time while in your employ? _____.

If so, state particulars. _____.

Have you knowledge of any act of applicant which would render applicant's employment by this Company undesirable? _____.

If so, kindly state particulars. _____.

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Signature _____

Dated _____

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July 27, 1927.

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company,
P. O. Box 1011,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

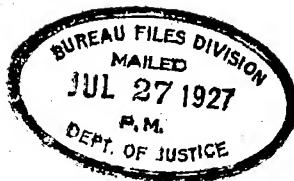
In reply to your inquiry
No. P. R. WYBO-08-28-27-64, relative to Edward
James Brennan, please be advised he entered the
service of this Bureau June 29, 1908, and resigned
December 31, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Division Five Room 433

July 13

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To: Director
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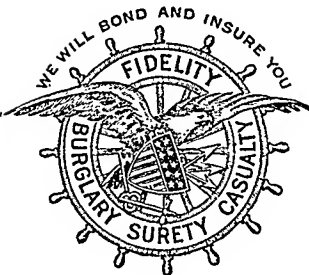
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HOME OFFICE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Baltimore,

To U.S. Attorney, General

Please Return or Refer to

No. R. R. NYBO-08-28-27-64

Application has been made to this Company by Edward James Brennan,
for a bond of \$10,000.

guaranteeing the applicant's honesty and integrity

as F.M.O.A.

He states that he was in your employ from January 1, 1914 to December 31, 1925
as Special Agent-in-charge, at St. Louis, New York City & Chicago,
under U.S. Attorney, General,

As we depend largely upon an applicant's record from his former employers for an estimate of his present worthiness of guarantee, we would thank you for replies to the questions asked below, assuring you that any information given us will be treated as strictly confidential, and will be used by us solely in judging the risk.

On his application for bond, the above-named applicant signed the following release, to wit:

"I hereby authorize and request any and all of my former employers and others to furnish the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY a complete history of my services with them, together with any information they may have concerning my personal character, habits, ability, disposition, etc., and, particularly, a statement of the cause of the termination of my employment, hereby releasing them from any and all liability for damages of whatsoever nature on account of furnishing the requested information."

Very respectfully,

Chas. V. W. Schmidt
Sup't Railroad Dept.

1. Are you connected by relationship or otherwise with the above named applicant?
If so, in what way?

2. When did applicant enter and leave your service?

From....., 1....., to....., 1.....

3. What position did he occupy in your service?

4. Did he or does he { (a) Gamble?
(b) Speculate?
(c) Bet on horses?
(d) Drink to excess?
Has he { (e) Extravagant habits?
(f) Undesirable associates?

- { (a)
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{ (e)
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5. (a) For what reason did he finally leave your service?
(b) If discharged or requested to resign please state reason fully.
(c) Was he ever discharged? If so, please state when and why and please give name and address of employers.

- (a)
(b)
(c)

6. (a) Did his duties embrace the handling or custody of cash?
(b) Was he in debt to you at any time during his employment, or at the time of leaving?
(c) If so, give particulars of such indebtedness and state whether it has since been liquidated.

- (a)
(b)
(c)

7. By whom was he employed before he entered your service? (Give address.)

8. By whom was he employed after he left your service? (Give address.)

9. Judging from your knowledge of him, do you consider him a proper person to guarantee against dishonesty?

Please return this form in enclosed stamped envelope.

Signature,

Occupation,

Dated at.....

Any additional statements may be made on the back hereof. We will also appreciate your kindly giving us on the reverse side the names and postoffice addresses of several parties who can give us information concerning the applicant.

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June 2, 1927.

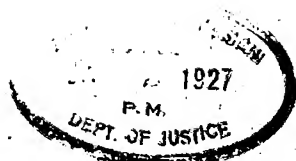
American Express Company,
58 East Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your form inquiry of the 22nd
ultimo, please be advised that Mr. E. J. Brennan
was employed as a Special Agent under the juris-
diction of this Bureau from June 20, 1908 to
December 31, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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5-27, 1927.

TO:

☒ MISS BURGESS
☐ MISS SHUGRUE
☐ MR. HILL
☐ MISS JOHNSTON

☐ MISS CHAFFEE
☐ MR. MOBLEY
☐ MR. FESSENDEN

☐ ACTION

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☐ INFORMATION

☐ PREPARE REPLY

☐ FILE

☐ CHECK & ADVISE

☐ SEE ME

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Please let me have
 dates . . .

June 29, 1908
 to

December 31, 1925

H. H. Remick

~~L. C. SCHILLER~~

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Former Agent in Charge Ed. J. Brennan, now associated with the Pullman Company called at your office and I talked to him for a short while. Mr. Brennan is in Washington in connection with a convention of the Protective Section of the American Railway Association. He desired to express through me to you his warmest regards and best wishes.

I showed Mr. Brennan your office, the Identification Division and the Laboratory and he reminisced at some length concerning the early days of the Bureau when it occupied "two rooms and a kitchen" in the old residence at 14th and K Street.

Respectfully,

EDWARD A. TAMM

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November 30, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

The following memorandum is prepared to briefly set out the records of former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who are now listed as members of the above mentioned organization in a membership list dated October 1, 1937.

* * *

"BRENNAN, EDWARD J."
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 6-29-08
RESIGNED 12-31-25.

Resignation was voluntary to accept a more lucrative position with a large corporation. File contains personal letters of the Director regretting the fact that he was resigning. At the time of his resignation he was SAC at Chicago, Illinois, and following the resignation, considerable unfavorable publicity appeared in the Chicago newspapers to the effect that

his resignation had been requested because of his failure to apprehend Martin Darkin.

* * *

Respectfully,


R. H. Laughlin.

ORIGINAL IN: 67-029-20

October 25, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

For reference purposes this is to state that former Special Agent Edward J. Brannan is listed as a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., in a membership list dated October 1, 1937.


W. R. Glavin.

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ANGELUS DE ANZA

HOTEL

FOURTH AND SPRING STREETS
Los Angeles, California

July 2 - 40,

Dear Sirs—

I would like to know if Eddie Brennan, is still with the Department, I worked for him in St Louis Mo. in 1916-1917. He was Agent in Charge.

I seen him once, when he had the Chicago office. that was some time ago.

I would like to write to him. I am working on the Communist here, for the State of California 67-515-36

Walter S White

224 E 5th

Los Angeles Calif.

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July 24, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

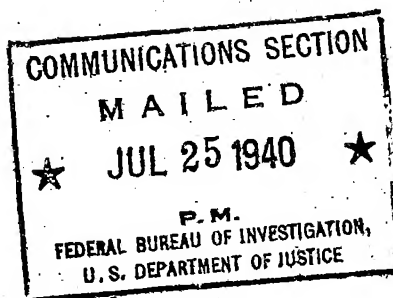
There is enclosed a copy of a communication received from Mr. Walter S. White dated July 2, 1940, making inquiry if Mr. Eddie F. Brennan is still in the employment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For your information there is enclosed a copy of the Bureau's reply to Mr. White.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

67-515-37



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: EDWARD J. BRENNAN
Former Special Agent

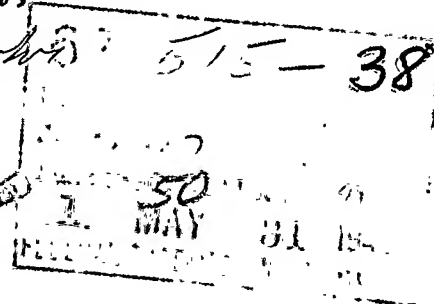
The Bureau has been informed from a confidential source that the above-captioned former Bureau employee is presently employed as Chief Special Agent, Special Service Department., The Pullman Co., Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,

J. P. Mohr
J. P. Mohr

JUN 4 1943

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1940

Mr. Walter S. White
224 East 5th Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. White:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 2, 1940, regarding Mr. Eddie F. Brennan, and you are advised that a search of the records fails to indicate that Mr. Eddie F. Brennan was ever employed in the services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, a Mr. Edward J. Brennan was formerly employed as a Special Agent in this Bureau and it is believed that he is the individual referred to in your letter.

Please be advised that Mr. Brennan is no longer connected with this Bureau, however, in the event you have any information which you wish to report it is suggested that you communicate with the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 527 United States Post Office and Court House Building, Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely yours,

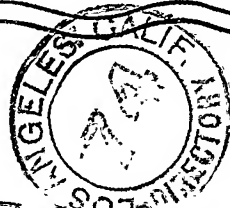
J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
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December 14, 1944

Director - FBI

Re: EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Dear Sir:

For the Bureau's information, Mr. Edward J. Brennan, former Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau, has informed me that he is being retired from active service with the Pullman Company, Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 1944.

Very truly yours,

S. J. Drayton
S. J. DRAYTON,
SAC.

SJD:MG

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*He was
written a
letter*

Ed Brennan
Wm



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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

FBI, ST. LOUIS 10-2-54 9-53 PM CEC
DIRECTOR, FBI DEFERRED

EDWARD J. BRENNAN, FORMER SPECIAL AGENT. INFO RECEIVED FROM ST. LOUIS
GLOBE DEMOCRAT TONIGHT MR. BRENNAN DIED TODAY AT EVANSTON, ILL. NO
ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

10-2-54

March 10, 1949

Mr. Robert W. Dick
Room 1302
60 John Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Dick:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 15, 1949 requesting the dates on which each of the former employees mentioned in your communication entered on duty as Special Agents in this Bureau.

In accordance with your desires, I am listing below such dates of employment for the individuals in whom you are interested as are available in our records:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of entry on duty</u>
Harry J. Jentzer	October 6, 1908
Edward J. Brennan	June 29, 1908 ✓
Lucien C. Wheeler	October 16, 1914
Clyde B. Ambrose	May 29, 1912
A. Bruce Bielaski	May 1, 1912
Frank L. Garbarino	March 9, 1910
Frederick P. Schmid	March 5, 1909
Charles J. Scully	March 26, 1909
James L. Bruff	February 16, 1910
George W. Storck	October 5, 1910
Elton Watkins	March 17, 1911
William C. Dannenberg	January 2, 1909

In connection with the above I wish to point out, however, that inasmuch as many of these employees were in the Bureau's service before the present record system was instituted it is not possible to be absolutely certain of exact dates without a great deal of additional research which probably will not be necessary for your purposes.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Room 1202, 60 John St.
New York 7, N. Y.
February 15, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As editor of the "Grapevine" for the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., I am anxious to preserve some history relative to older Special Agents of the Bureau who are members of the Society. An item of discussion amongst members of the Society that is of considerable interest to former agents relates to who were the first Special Agents and their length of service.

In the preparation of such an article, it would be sincerely appreciated if your office would advise me the exact dates on which each of the following persons entered the Bureau. From my own knowledge of the history of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, many of the earlier agents transferred from the Secret Service, and the following list of persons, I believe, will be found to have entered the Bureau in the period of 1908-9-10.

Harry E. Jentzer
Edward J. Brennan
Lucien C. Healer
Clyde M. Ambrose
Bruce A. Bielaski
Frank L. Garbarino

Fred P. Schmid
Charles J. Scully
James L. Bruff
George W. Storck
Elton Watkins
William O. Dannenberg

It would be appreciated if you would give the exact date for the appointment as Special Agents of the above and if I could have this information, it would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. DICK

RWD:jl

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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EDWARD JAMES BRENNAN, AGE EIGHT THREE, DIED LAST NIGHT. BELIEVED LAST OF THE ORIGINAL AGENTS APPOINTED IN NINETEEN EIGHT. RESIDENCE, ELEVEN THIRTY MADISON ST., EVANSTON. FUNERAL, MONDAY, ELEVEN AM, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH. BODY AT ALTEN MORTUARY, MAPLE AVE., TELEPHONE UNIV. FOUR FOUR SIX FOUR THREE.

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E. J. Brennan, Retired Agent Of FBI, Lifetime Crime Fighter

Edward J. Brennan, patriarch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Brennan family, died this weekend at his home in Evanston, Ill. He was 83.

Mr. Brennan, who devoted his life to law enforcement, is survived by his son, John E. Brennan, who retired in 1950 after more than 30 years of service with the FBI, and his grandson, Edward J. Brennan, now with the bureau's field office in Philadelphia.

A lifetime with the FBI is hard and although the elder Mr. Brennan loved it, he didn't want his son to go through it.

"My father tried to talk me out of going with the bureau," said John Brennan in Evanston where the senior Brennan died late Friday, "but he couldn't do it.

"And when my son wanted to join back in '47," John continued, "I tried to talk him out of it too, but I couldn't. It's in the family."

Deputy Marshall First Job.

The elder Mr. Brennan began his law enforcement career in 1894 when he became a deputy United States marshal in his home town of St. Louis. Later he joined the criminal investigation unit of the St. Louis Police Department. In 1907 and 1908 he worked for the Treasury Department's Secret Service and then was transferred to the old Bureau of Investigation, now the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Then he was assigned to investigate the so-called "sugar frauds" of 1908 and called upon to organize the present bureau. He directed in 1910 the sensational investigation in the interstate transportation of high explosives after which 40 persons were convicted, most of them going to the penitentiary.

In 1910 the Los Angeles Times Building was dynamited and 21 persons were killed. The State

of California borrowed Mr. Brennan to work on the case. In 1915 Mathew A. Schmidt and Nathan Caplan were convicted for murder.

Retired From FBI in 1925.

In 1925 Mr. Brennan retired from the FBI and joined the Pullman Co. as chief special agent. He retired again in 1944.

Afterwards, Mr. Brennan could not stay inactive. He helped to form the Society of Former Special Agents in New York City. He was active until he died, his son recalled.

And his son, John Brennan, also a member of the society, has been active in perpetuating the ideals and customs of the FBI.

He worked on the famous John Dillinger case, a number of Midwest bank robberies and kidnappings. In 1925—while his father was retiring from the FBI—John was helping agents corral Martin Durkin when he killed the first FBI agent ever to die in the line of duty. Durkin, released a few days before from Leavenworth Penitentiary, shot and killed Agent Edwin C. Shanahan in cold blood.

Grandson Keeps Tradition.

Three years before John Brennan retired, the elder Edward Brennan saw his grandchild, Edward join the FBI, much against the advice of John who wanted his son to go into law.

Young Edward is now serving in Philadelphia, carrying on his father's and his grandfather's life-work.

The elder Brennan's funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Evanston.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *10/5/54*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: EDWARD J. BRENNAN
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
DECEASED

DATE: October 4, 1954

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10/5/54

Reference is made to my conversation with the Director on Saturday afternoon. I called Inspector Brown in Chicago and told him of the Director's desires that he, Brown, attend Mr. Brennan's funeral as the Director's personal representative and that he personally convey to the family the Director's deepest sympathy and regret at not being able to personally attend the funeral in Chicago. I also arranged with Brown to secure suitable flowers for the funeral to be sent with a card, "With deepest sympathy, J. Edgar Hoover and Associates."

cc: Mr. Mohr
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TO : Mr. Tolson *V*

DATE: 10/4/54

FROM : R. T. Harbo *RT*

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10/6/54

SUBJECT: Funeral of Edward J. Brennan
Former Agent in Charge

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In accordance with the Director's wishes, Inspector Brown called on the Brennan family on Sunday, October 3, 1954, conveyed the Director's personal greetings to the family, and expressed the Director's regrets that prior commitments made it impossible for him to be there in person for the funeral. An appropriate floral tribute was sent in the name of J. Edgar Hoover and Associates.

Inspector Brown also attended the funeral on Monday, October 4, 1954, as the personal representative of the Director. A further service was rendered by six agents of the Chicago office who served as pallbearers, the family having no other source upon which they might call. SAC Banister also attended the funeral.

Jack and James Brennan, sons of Edward J. Brennan, were most appreciative of the Director's thoughtfulness. Individual members of the family mentioned the Director's condolence telegram with considerable emotion. Two of Edward J. Brennan's sisters, in their eighties, were especially grateful. One, Mrs. Anna Mahan, of Pittsburg, Kansas, asked that Brown personally convey to the Director her heartfelt gratitude for his kindness to the family. She stated that she knew the Director would not forget Ed.

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Edward Brennan Dies; Helped In Founding FBI

Edward J. Brennan, 83, one-time division superintendent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, will be buried Monday at All Saints Cemetery, Evanston.

Mr. Brennan, who died Friday, was one of a group of men commissioned by President Theodore Roosevelt to form the FBI in 1908. At that time he was a fingerprint expert for the St. Louis police department, where he had begun his career as a deputy U.S. marshal.

From 1912 to 1919 he served as chief FBI man in St. Louis. He came to Chicago as a special agent for the FBI, and in 1921 was assigned to New York as head of the New York bureau. He was later reassigned to St. Louis as special agent in charge. In 1925 he returned to Chicago as FBI division superintendent, a post he left to become chief special agent of the Pullman Co. in 1926.

Mr. Brennan played an important part in solving the 1910 bombing of the Los Angeles Times Building, in the government's campaign against radical activities and in the suppression of dope traffic.

He retired from his job with the Pullman Co. in 1945, and later came to live with a son, James A., of 1130 Madison, Evanston.

Services for Mr. Brennan will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Church, Evanston.

Surviving is another son, John E., of St. Louis, a former FBI agent for 32 years, and six grandchildren. Edward J. Brennan, a grandson, is an FBI agent in Philadelphia.

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